

'You still primarily stay home. Stay home, save lives' - Jacinda Ardern releases details of Alert Level 3 conditions

Kia ora Postgate School

Planning from moving from Alert Level 4 to Alert level 3 has begun.

To help us with our planning we need to know your intentions.

From a school's perspective, I believe it is unfair for our teachers to physically teach students (students being at school) and also provide Distance Learning. Hopefully, you've seen the time, the effort required and the difference between physical and distance. Postgate will assign most of our teachers, if not all, to online learning and a couple of teachers to develop an in-school programme (physically at school). In the survey, families will need to decide if you will be learning from home or from school for the duration of Alert Level 3.

We need to know from you whether you will continue with Distance Learning, because you or your Bubble can provide supervision during the day or, because you/your Bubble has to return to work, your child will be returning to school.

It is vital we stress that the official message remains the same, "Stay home, save lives". The message given around moving down to Alert Level 3 is that our Bubbles remain intact. It is highly recommended that children remain at home and continue Distance Learning to keep Bubbles and our staff safe. Children should only return to school because there is no other option for them because all family members must return to work. Keeping our staff, students and community safe at this time are of the utmost importance to Postgate School.

I personally find it very interesting that businesses that operate under Alert Level 3 if accessed by staff without customer-facing interactions and can only open if they follow the physical distancing rules' physical distancing rules in a classroom/school setting? New Zealand will be at Alert Level 3 and schools will be operating at Alert Level 2.

Once we have a clear picture of the wants and needs of our school, we can work on our plan for Alert Level 3.

Please follow this link and complete the questionnaire. It is vital this form is done now to help with our planning for Alert Level 3. Thank you for doing this for us.

<https://forms.gle/odm5zPi91crKf5Hd9>

Kelvin is loving the photos of food and is looking forward to visiting each home, after lockdown, to sample. Please keep these coming in.

Today, to share the limelight, Cat has a Dance Challenge for you all. I've seen some students have already started this. This is Cat and her dance session. Please have a kanikani (dance) with Cat and then come up with your own. It's all about giving things a go and having fun along the way. Thanks Cat for an awesome session!

Please remember to complete the form. It is vital for our planning moving forward.

Thanks for all your support and work this week. Our staff is very appreciative of all your efforts.
Keep smiling, stay positive and enjoy your day.

Alert Level 3 - Official Advice

- Stay home other than for essential personal movement – including to go to work, school or for local recreation.

- Physical distancing of two metres outside home (including on public transport), or one metre in controlled environments like schools and workplaces.

- Immediate household bubble can expand to reconnect with close whānau, bring in caregivers or support isolated people.

- ***Schools (years 1 to 10) and early childhood education centres can safely open, but will have limited capacity. Children should learn at home if possible.***

- People must work from home unless that is not possible.

- Businesses can open premises, but cannot physically interact with customers.

- Low risk local recreation activities are allowed.

- Public venues are closed (e.g. libraries, museums, cinemas, food courts, gyms, pools, playgrounds, markets).

- Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed but only for wedding services, funerals and tangihanga.

- Healthcare services use virtual, non-contact consultations where possible.

- Inter-regional travel is highly limited (e.g. for essential workers, with limited exemptions for others).

- People at high risk of severe illness (older people and those with existing medical conditions) are encouraged to stay at home where possible, and take additional precautions when leaving home. They may choose to work.

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"Ma te mahi ngatahi, ka tu pakari te matauranga"

"Together, We Learn and Achieve"

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi Engari, he toa takitini;

Success is not the work of one, but the work of many

Nga mihi

Adam Campbell

Principal

Postgate School