

Kia ora Postgate School

A reminder that regular emails are sent to those who have requested them, via the Newsletter Group. All communication from Postgate can also be seen on our school website, including the CoronaComms tab.

A massive thank you for all the great work you have been doing this week. The change from being at school to Distance Learning has mainly been very smooth except for a couple of technical issues and anti-social behaviours from a small few. Thanks to the quick work of staff and whanau, these issues were quickly sorted.

Thank you for your positive emails, phone calls, and text messages about how Distance Learning has been for you and your family. It is greatly appreciated and valued by our staff.

A huge homai te pakipaki to the amazing staff at Postgate as once again they go above and beyond. The care and pride they have in our school and especially our children is top shelf. I know they have found it hard at times this week. To work at a school you have to be a social creature and being at a distance from those with who you spend most of your week is tough. Our staff are feeling like the majority of our kids, they miss being at school and spending time with everyone.

One thing that has come through since we went into this Lockdown is the pride we all have in our school and that we all care for everyone at Postgate. Many families are asking if they can help in any way with anyone that needs it. So cool and heart-warming.

From Wednesday we will be at Alert Level 3, meaning Postgate is open to essential workers only.

Planning from moving from Alert Level 4 to Alert level 3 is well underway. Our last google form asked if your child will be returning under Alert Level 3 as you are an essential worker and because of that, you have no other possible arrangements for childcare for your child/ren.

Now we need to know for certain what your intentions are as staffing levels will need to be right. The google form attached is just for those families whose children will be returning under Alert Level 3.

From a school's perspective, there will be limited staff onsite during Alert Level 3; classroom teachers will continue with their Distance Learning and staff who do not have classroom responsibilities will be at school.

Children who return to school will continue with their Distance Learning programme with their classroom teacher. Depending on the number of children returning, children may be separated over classes to ensure bubbles remain intact. This may include separate break times. However, all these details will be sent to returning children's families early next week. We need to know from you because you/your Bubble has to work, your child/ren will be returning to school.

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.

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/NfW7GcPbcvhwj9Vx8>

Please remember to complete the form. It is vital for our planning moving forward. We try to predict what might be happening and when the next Alert Level change might be. We like to be forward thinkers and work in advance to make any changes as smooth as possible

Thanks for all your support and work this week. Our staff is very appreciative of all your efforts, especially to the families that are essential workers; you are amazing. Keep smiling, stay positive, and enjoy your weekend.

### **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.
- Keep your household bubble.
- 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.

**"Together, We Learn and Achieve"**

**"Mā te mahi ngātahi, ka tū pakari te mātauranga"**

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari, he toa takitini;**  
*Success is not the work of one, but the work of many*

**Manuia le aso**

**Ngā mihi**

**Adam Campbell**