



**Kia tiki ake te pai**  
**ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE**



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Kia ora e te whānau. Greetings families

I want to reassure you all that we have good plans in place and we will manage this move in Alert Levels well.

As was the case previously at Alert-Level 3, school will be open for children of essential workers only (those who must go to work, and are not able to make any other arrangements for their child). At school we must operate in small bubbles with strict social distancing in place, so it is very important that we know if you need to send your child/ren to school so we can plan for this. Please call the school office if you need to book your child in. As always if your child or anyone in your family is unwell, please stay home.

A reminder that at Alert-level 3, we must follow strict contact tracing procedures. The school site is closed to all except those who are registered. Anyone coming on to the school site must enter through the front gate (Kotuku Street) and sign in at the office.

For those learning at home, our teachers will be sending work home today via email and Seesaw. We remind you though to please do what works for your family. Please also take a look at the distance learning tab on our website. Here you can access the *Kete of Ideas*.

<http://www.rutherfordprimary.school.nz/distance-learning.html>

There is also a link to the Ministry of Education distance learning site, which also has lots of ideas. At this stage we will not be able to send home hard copy packs, but I will keep you updated in this regard throughout the week.

The following is an example taken from the Ministry of Education website of what a learning from home day could look like.

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog, bike ride, Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magna-tiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.

12:00 pm	Lunch	
12:30	Helping at home	# wipe all kitchen tables and chairs # wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops # wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning orlpad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner	
6:00 Onwards	Evening Routine	Shower Reading Bedtime

This is a only a suggestion and you may wish to shift times or activities or do only parts of it.  
**As always, please do what works for your whānau/family.**

Please contact me if you would like to discuss arrangements for your child. We are very keen to continue to make things work for your family.

Unfortunately, we will have to postpone our Celebrate Learning @ Rutherford conferences tonight and tomorrow night. We will update you once we are able to confirm a new date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

Wishing you a wonderful rest of the week, stay safe.

He waka eke noa

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