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**ACCENTUATING THE POSITIVE**



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Today, Prime Minister Jacinda Adern, announced that as a country our Covid-19 Risk Level has been escalated. Effective immediately, we are now at Level 3. In 48 hours, this will be escalated to Level 4.

Please see <https://covid19.govt.nz/> about what these levels mean.

**From today onwards all schools will be closed** except under the conditions below.

**Tuesday and Wednesday**

Only children of parents who are considered working in essential services will be allowed to attend school.

These essential services include:

Police

Fire

Ambulance

and Medical personnel required to continue working.

Please email the office if you are an essential service worker and let us know if your child will be attending school Tuesday and Wednesday.

**From Thursday Until Further Notice**

School will be closed to all students, staff and hall hirers. This includes the school site - playgrounds, sandpits and courts.

We will spend the next few days planning for learning at home. We will send out further information about that in time.

I will continue to update you with any information sent to schools from the Ministry of Education.

In these strange and unprecedented times remember to be kind to each other.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz](mailto:amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz)

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