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Kia ora e te whānau

Preparing to Return to School

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you for the wonderful job you are doing at home with your whānau. I know myself as a parent who is trying to work from home and support my children with their learning, it is not always an easy task. I want to reassure you that whatever you are doing and however home learning looks in your house, that is absolutely perfect and just right for you. Kia kaha, you are all doing great.

In this update I have some information about the initial planning stages of returning to school and some updates about events we had scheduled for Term 3.

Term 3 Events

- Due to restrictions around COVID Alert levels, we have had to cancel the following events
- Class Trips scheduled for the rest of term 3. Individual teachers will also notify you of specific cancellations
- Inter-school basketball: 14 September
- CLe@R conferences: 15 & 16 September - We will send home a written report at the end of Term 4.
- EOTC week: 20-24 September
- Celebrate Learning end of term assembly: 30 September
- German group performance: 30 September - We will attempt to reschedule this in Term 4

Alert-Level 3 Planning

As you probably heard the Prime Minister say, schools for the most part remain closed at Alert-Level 3.

We can provide support for families who have to leave the home to work and who have no one suitable at home to care for their children.

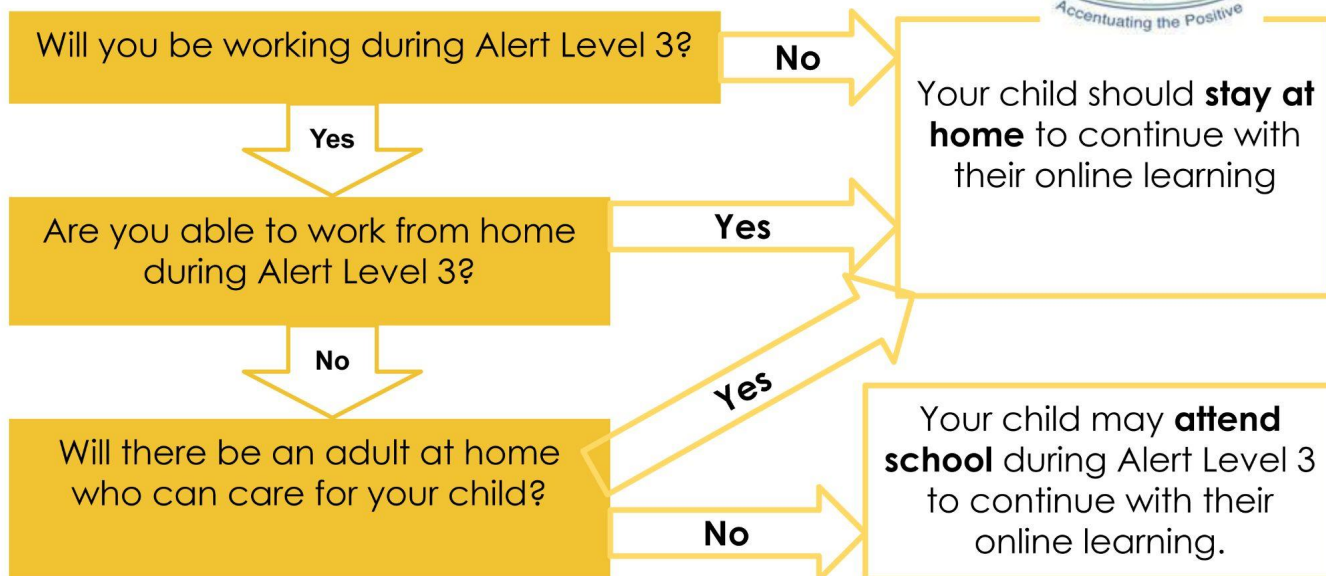
School at Alert-Level 3 looks very different. Some of those differences include;

- Children are allocated to school bubbles of no more than 10 children.
- Bubbles may not be in the child's normal classroom or with their normal teacher.
- Bubbles will be mixed year levels.
- Children will be physically distanced from other children in their class bubble and will have their own area to work in.
- Children will follow the same distance learning program that the rest of their class follows, just at school.
- There will be increased handwashing requirements.

- Ministry of Health guidelines will be followed for cleaning and the sharing of equipment.
- Before and after school care can not operate at Alert-Level 3. Children can only be dropped off to school at 8.45am and must be collected by 2.50pm.

The following flowchart might help you to decide whether you should send your child to school or not at Alert-Level 3.

Should my child attend school during Alert Level 3?



If you think you might need support during Alert-Level 3, please email me at amandab@rutherfordprimary.school.nz to register your child, so we can start planning for school bubbles

Take care everyone - Kia pai to wiki

He waka eke noa
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