



# Trentham School

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Kia ora Trentham whānau

This afternoon our Prime Minister announced that we are moving to Alert Level 3 next Monday at 11.59pm. Over this week, sector leaders will be working to provide greater detail in what this looks like in schools. The important thing to note is that our school, along with all schools under Alert Level 3, will not return to normal schooling.

## **Government guidelines for Alert Level 3:**

- Schools will be open for children up to and including Year 10.
- Work and learn from home if you can. If you can, you should keep your child at home.
- Physical attendance of children at schools should only be those whose parents have to return to work and who are unable to make alternative arrangements for the care of their children.
- Children should be kept in their own bubbles where possible to limit exposure between children.
- Children and staff who are at greater risk are asked to stay at home.
- Any child or staff member who is sick must remain at home.
- On 11 May a decision will be made regarding Alert Level 3.

## **What does this mean for parents?**

- School will be open from 29 April for children whose parents are unable to supervise them at home (we expect this to be predominantly essential workers, or those who are no longer able to work from home themselves and have no caregiving arrangements).
- YMCA Before and After School care will not be operating.

## **What does this mean for students?**

- Children who remain home will continue distance learning programmes. Hard copy packs and/or online learning will continue to be provided. Some teachers will still be available to support learning at home.
- Children who come to school will complete the same distance learning tasks and activities as their peers who are learning from home. Some teachers will be at school to supervise and support children.

## **What will classes at school look like?**

- Children at school are likely to be in a multi level class with any siblings (a range of ages and year levels) and they may not be with their usual class teacher.
- Classes will be limited to numbers of 10 initially, depending on numbers of students and staff.

- Interactions between classes will be minimised, with staggered break times, start and finish times, etc to allow us to protect the size of your extended bubble.
- Classroom teachers will either be supporting children at school or supporting children involved in distance learning.

Our teachers and staff are dealing with all of the same challenges you are, whether it be their own vulnerable status, at risk family members or caring for dependents at home. For us to plan for on-site staff numbers at Alert Level 3, we need your help. Please complete this form now to provide us with an indication of how many children will require supervision at school, and how many will continue learning from home.

### [Alert Level 3 survey](#)

Thank you for continuing to support us with our whole community approach to confronting this pandemic so that we can continue to do the best by our children, our community and each other.

Ngā mihi

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