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Ministry of Education

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Message for Auckland Schools

Kia ora koutou katoa

As the Bulletin said this morning, it is the responsibility of Boards to make the decision to close their school if they consider that it is not safe for on-site teaching and learning.

Further to the issues raised this afternoon at the Principals' Opt in session with the Hautū and Directors of Education, and the most recent information from Emergency Management advising the upgrading of the warning to a Red warning for Auckland, I recommend that the Boards of Auckland schools make a decision to close their schools for on-site instruction from Monday 13 February.

Schools should reopen as soon as possible, subject to mitigating and managing risks.

Nāku noa, nā

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