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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you are all keeping well in your bubbles! I also hope the break from, or continuation of, home learning has gone well over the last two weeks. Thank you again to those parents and students who have been in touch with me to share what they have been doing.

Yesterday the Government announced we will move to Alert Level 3 on Tuesday 28th April. **That means we will be open to receive students from Wednesday 29th April for those families where parents are returning to work, or are no longer able to work from home.** We have started preparations to re-open our school with a thorough clean taking place over the next few days and teachers preparing class programmes.

A key message from the Government is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only send your child to school if you have to. If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home. If your child is at all unwell they must also be kept at home.

In order to ensure the safety of children and staff who are at school, we have to operate with the strict enforcement of health and safety measures, limiting contact between students and staff and running classes and timetables to keep safe distances. **Teachers will continue to support your child's learning at home, providing materials for them to work on.**

We need to know if your child/children will return to school on Wednesday 29th April and will be contacting families to establish this. We will also be in contact about the measures we will have in place for students and staff who are physically on site at school. The decision you make about keeping your child learning from home, or attending school in person is a decision you make for the period we are in level 3. It cannot be a decision made on a day by day basis. We understand that in some cases (because of work commitments and no other options) your child/ren may only attend on some days. We need to know exactly which days that will be.

The Ministry of Education has advised us they are working closely with the Ministry of Health to develop clear guidance that will support schools to safely re-open their premises to students and staff. This will help us work through the public health requirements that we all need to meet. As you will be doing, we want to be sure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.

This evening you will receive a brief survey requesting information about whether your child/ren need to return to school. Please read and respond before mid-day tomorrow (Wednesday 22nd April). If you are unable to be in touch before then, your child's teacher will give you a follow up call.

We will be in touch again soon with more information. In the meantime if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: principal@kbs.school.nz or on 021 082 50118.

Nga mihi nui

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