

# Life in LOCKDOWN

**Ashleigh Peters**

Lockdown, 7 weeks of no seeing friends, no usual activities, and no leaving the house. This all started on Wednesday 25th March and ended on Thursday 14th May. This is all because of Covid-19—sickening, annoying, sad—a horrible virus. Confidently, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern took control of the situation very quickly and very well. There were clear rules. She was not willing to let anything slide.

The plus side to lockdown was getting to spend quality time with my family in our bubble. Surprisingly, we didn't end up getting mad at each other. We did a lot of things together but my favourite creativity thing we did was window art. We did quite a few workouts and a lot of sport. The down side to lockdown was definitely not being able to see any friends and family—the way we improvised was by doing zoom calls and face times—this was really hard.

Pollution—horrible, ruining, annoying—got much better during lockdown because there was a lot less cars on the roads. China, Italy, and Europe are only some of the countries that got hit the hardest by coronavirus. Luckily, everyone in New Zealand has got a lot more hygienic over the pandemic and should stay like this for years to come. The world has definitely changed.

Learning from home. This was easy and hard all at the same time. On one hand it was easy because I didn't have to do everything on a command, but on the other hand it was hard because I had to do everything independently and if you needed help you had to wait for an email back. Foods and science—fun, exciting, tasty—was one of my highlights of learning from home.

Happily, I have come out of lockdown much closer with my family and much more careful and hygienic than I was before. Lockdown—crazy, confusing, overwhelming—was a once in a lifetime tragic experience and I will never forget it. Thanks Covid-19!

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## Keela Connolly

Lockdown—boring, annoying, sad—it all started on the 25th of March at 11:59 pm we went into level four because of Covid-19. This was a world wide pandemic. It ended 18th of May lockdown and lasted for 52 days. Which was to long. Are Prime Minister Jacinda Adern was amazing during all of this she spoke her words clear and while making restrictions for New Zealand. But still is amazing. Lockdown meant that we could not see our friends or family, which was hard.

In my bubble was my sister Harper, dad Jared and mum Rita. Harper, goes to Christchurch Girls High School and is year eleven. She is annoying. Jared, had to quit his job because if he got Covid-19 he would probably die because he has got bad asthma. Rita, she works at Ryman Healthcare and she loves her job. Her coworkers are amazing as well. I enjoyed lockdown because i got spend more time with my family—annoying and snarky—but it was still really fun. We went on walks everyday to get some fresh air which was really nice. sometimes we went to my grandparents. They get annoyed easily with each other which is really really funny.

Learning—boring, tiring, hard—was fun at home sometimes. I liked learning from home because i am not much of a social person and i like to stay home. It was nice to wake up so early every morning and not being rushed to do are work. the work that we got was good because it wasn't to easy but also not to hard. i found the writing a little more harder than usual. Mahi time was good we had to read an article and then do activities that relate to the subject. the teachers were always there for you if you got stuck or needed to talk which was good.

It was hard not to see my family. Eagerly, we went on walks to see my Nana and Granddad. We drove over to my grandparents house to see them because it was my granddads birthday. Happily, my hole family had a zoom call on mothers day which was very interesting, my Aunty dosen't have the best history with her eldest Daughter who is 25. My Aunty was blaming her daughter but it was her fault which was very funny. Sadly, we had to stop the zoom call because everyone was bored.

It changed my life every ones life. I am so great full to be alive right now. It has been hard to get back to "normal". Normal they say. I have a loving family and that's all i need. Schools better. I think that it's weird that we didn't wash or hand sanitize before we eat. That gross. My dad still dosen't have a job but hes working on it. Well that's what he say's. I like the way we are living— weird and unusual—it good. We get ton sit next to our friends which is so so so good, even tho we talk quite a lot which Mr Foster dosen't like. I think that all of us are so great full that we moved levels just like that.

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**Liam McFedries**

Seven and a half weeks—it was like hell—of staying at home. On the 25th of March 2020 Jacinda Ardern put New Zealand in to lock down because of Covid-19 also known as Corona virus. That meant no leaving home, no seeing friends and no takeaways. The world was in despair.

Lock down sadly changed me and the people in my bubble's life's for seven whole weeks. Lock down affected my life by me having to self manage all my school work with no help from teachers or class mates, all I could do is email my teacher for help. I was so bored! Even though lock down was the worst thing ever. There was still some good things about it, like I didn't need to get ready so early in the morning and being able to play basketball or go for walks when ever I want. The best thing about lock down was easy me not having to wake up so early.

Sadly because of Corona virus my school and other schools had to do online learning during most of lock down. Sitting at a computer—like we were office workers—for the whole day. This meant we had to be learning on computers and writing in books all at home. Online school was boring, not fun and over all unlivable. Every week we had one or two calls with Mr Foster so he could see how were doing in lock down. Determined, I tried to finish all my work and get my teacher impressed. Online learning was very difficult for me because doing work by myself wasn't really my thing.

Luckily, I was still able to keep in touch with my friends and family by using phones and computers, to call or text. When I was keeping in touch with everyone it was still pretty hard to focus on work at the same time I still had to self manage all my work before I could call or text with anyone. School; when I was back at school it was awkward to talk to friends and socialize. School—the best thing ever—was made to be the worst thing ever. Winning a game that the teacher set up on the computers was something me and my mates like to do to try win.

Lock down—7 weeks of hell—finally over. Lock down was tough, annoying, hard and unexpected but me and my family still persevered threw it. Restrictions, all lifted as kiwis get back to everyday lives. After lock down, we all went back to school. While other countries suffered from Covid-19, New Zealand recovered. Lock down the most boring, worst and over all most worst thing imaginable over. Having proven that no cases were coming, we went back to school.

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**Benjamin Kelly**

On the 25th of March 2020, Jacinda Ardern announced that we would be moving to a level 4 lockdown. At first I thought that it would be fun not to have school. Surprisingly, I missed going to school. The first week of lockdown—I hated getting up early—we had to do school work at home. I missed my friends.

Frequently, I would be able to leave the house.

I would go to the supermarket or my step-Dads house. I enjoyed leaving the house—I hated wearing a mask and gloves—because it gave me something to do. I tried to do more reading during lockdown. I would take a book and read in the garden. It was relaxing.

I hated being stuck in my bubble, I would love talking to my friends via Instagram or Google hangouts—My life changed—I found lockdown relaxing, I loved taking my dog out on a walk to leave the house. I was Frustrated from being inside so long I decided to take my Dog for a walk it was a ghost town. I decided I was going home to read a book.

I learnt many new skills such as, coding, how to do a back flip, I did lots of baking during lockdown. Lockdown was a relaxing time for me to just sit back and enjoy being at home.