



Tuesday 17 August 2021

Alert Level 4

Kia ora koutou

We are now all in Alert Level 4 which means that our school will not be open onsite tomorrow, for any students. This follows someone being identified with COVID-19 and who has been in the Auckland and Coromandel communities while believed to be infectious.

It is really important we do everything we can to keep our community safe. Alert Level 4 means we need to stay home in our bubbles and avoid any travelling as much as possible. Supermarkets, pharmacies, foodbanks and other essential services will be open – but remember to wear a face covering if you are out and about (even a scarf wrapped around your mouth and nose will help). Check in using the NZ COVID Tracer App wherever you go and please also keep a distance from people you don't know and wash your hands well and often, especially before and after using any public facilities.

East Taieri School's Distance Learning Plan will therefore kick into action tomorrow <https://sites.google.com/east-taieri.school.nz/ets-onlinelearning/home?authuser=0>

With such short notice we weren't able to hand out devices or hard packs to students in order to support distance learning. However, during the last lockdown there was some wonderful home learning that went on with families doing great things together, enjoying having extra family time together. Your teacher will be in touch tomorrow with some information to support learning from home.

Please go to the Ministry of Health website if you live in Auckland or the Coromandel region, or have recently visited there. There is a [list of locations](#) the confirmed case has visited while they were considered to be infectious. If you were at one of those locations **and** at the same time as specified on the website, then please follow the relevant instructions to isolate and potentially to get tested. Please keep checking that webpage as new locations may be identified over time.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our families and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher/kaiako, the Deans (Janine Clague – janine@east-taieri.school.nz, Garth Powell – garth@east-taieri.school.nz, Natalie King – natalie@east-taieri.school.nz) or myself, if there is something you need assistance with.

Ngā mihi

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