

Dear parents and caregivers

We welcome the shift from level 4 to level 3 with cautious optimism.

I have spoken with the local principals and the school's leadership team today and following the early guidelines set out by the ministry this is what we propose;

- If parents or caregivers are required to return to work next week when the alert level drops, their children can attend school.
- We hope that most students will still remain at home with their parents or caregivers and continue their home learning.
- We will also accept students who are struggling in extreme or exceptional circumstances.
- Home learning will continue to be supported and developed during alert level 3 as we anticipate this will remain the preferred option for our students and their families.
- There will be no school buses available until alert levels drop further.
- We cannot accept casual attendance. If your child is returning to school, it will be on a full time basis unless they are unwell.
- Students will be supervised and supported with their online learning by a teacher. This teacher may well not be their class teacher.
- A contact register will be developed so all students' associations and interactions can be traced if necessary.
- There will be 10 students in a "bubble". This will increase to 20 as more students return to school in the coming weeks.
- Entry into school will be via the hall and only one student at a time. One parent or caregiver may accompany their child at this time - especially on the first day.
- Break times will be staggered and cannot include shared sports like basketball, netball or soccer.
- Teachers, support staff and our cleaning company will clean and disinfect all surfaces daily. Possibly several times a day in fact.
- Below you will see a survey that asks you to let us know whether your child will be at school next week. The 1st day students are permitted to return is Wednesday April 29th.

If we manage this well I think we will see a drop to level 2 as proposed in a couple more weeks.

The teaching and support staff are committed to making this work and want to support students and their families as much as possible at this time.

As you can see there is quite a lot of preparation required before a return to school can take place.

Those teachers who feel confident about returning to school will do so this Friday morning to help with the initial surface cleaning.

We do not expect to see any students at school until Wednesday April 29 and then only those that have indicated they are indeed returning.

When we know who is returning to school we will send more information regarding start times etc.

<https://bit.ly/AlertLevel3>

We hope to hear good news each week from now on.

Kind regards

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