

Monday 23 August



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is likely that we will be at Alert Level 3 from midnight, Thursday, which means some children will be able to return to school on Friday morning. This letter is based on specific advice and guidance from the Ministry of Education, and I ask you to please follow this closely.

At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement including going to work and going to school. **As the Prime Minister has stated, schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3 with the exception of those few children whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and where there is no appropriate caregiver at home.**

So we will be open on Friday for a small number of children who need to attend. We can accommodate no more than 60 children. Half of our teaching staff has dependent children, or medical situations that require them to stay home. Children are placed in "bubbles" of up to 10 children and two staff members. There must be two staff so that they have the opportunity to work with most of their class on-line, get a cuppa, share supervision of break times, etc. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.

All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place, which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means that we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (1 metre inside and two metres outside). Children need to bring their own water bottles.

You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

At school, children will be supervised while doing their on-line learning; we will continue to support all children who remain learning from home, through our distance learning programme.

**While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as to support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available.**

For those of you with no other option, please email me at [principal@riverview.school.nz](mailto:principal@riverview.school.nz) to let me know your child will be coming to school from Friday. No children will be permitted into the school if they have not been booked in ahead of time. We need to pre-arrange bubbles. Your child will need to be delivered to the roundabout beside the hall at 9am (not before); please pick them up from the same place at 3pm promptly.

For the Children

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