

Wednesday 12 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Opaeke School

Kia ora koutou,

You will have seen and/or heard the Prime Minister's announcement last night in relation to confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Auckland, resulting in Auckland returning to Alert Level 3 from MIDDAY TODAY, 12/8/20.

## **CHILDREN OF PARENTS DEEMED ESSENTIAL WORKERS UNDER LEVEL 3**

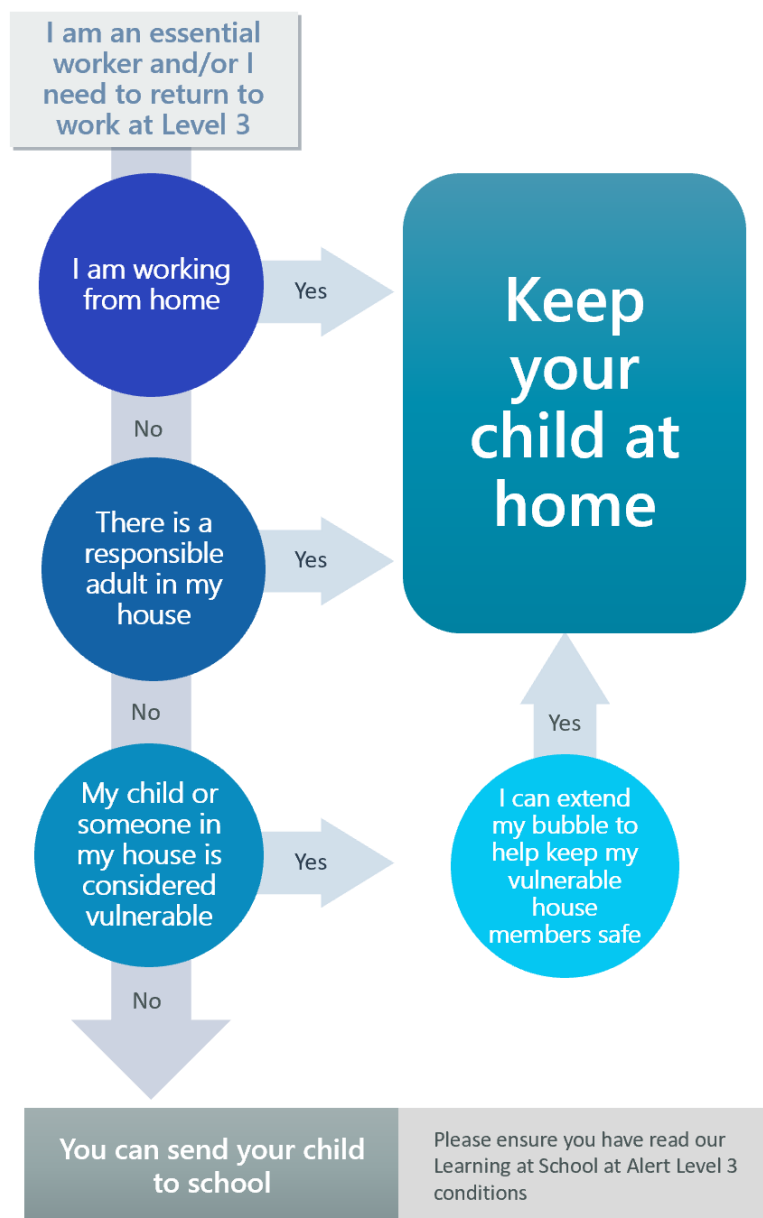
You will recall that Alert Level 3 requires people to stay home / work from home unless they are essential workers. If you are an essential worker and are required to work and there is not an appropriate adult to look after your child(ren) then your child(ren) may come to school. Use the flow chart below to help you determine this.

As with the last time at alert level 3 children attending school will be part of a school bubble which will be supervised by a teacher who may not be their class teacher or a teacher at their year level. Please ensure your child brings their device to school as they will be learning online in the same way they would if they were learning online at home.

Please follow our entry and exit procedures:

- Entry to the school is only through the school office.
- No entry on site by parents (aside from the office, which will be 1 in and 1 out)
- Students should be dropped off between 8am and 8.25am
- Pick up between 2.20pm and 2.30pm by the main gate
- Please adhere to these times
- Hand sanitiser will be in the office as students enter the school and near the door of the classroom
- Maintain distancing throughout entry and exit.

## CAN I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL AT ALERT LEVEL 3?



### ALL STUDENTS LEARNING AT HOME

Today we are in the process of switching to online learning. Here are a few reminder notes:

Our students have Office 365 accounts and we use these collaborative technologies extensively at school to support teaching and learning. With our older students (Year 3 – 8) we use a mix of OneNote class notebooks to model and distribute content and SharePoint sites to facilitate resource sharing and discussions.

Our junior students also have access to classroom Sharepoint sites, where they can receive and share resources and also ask questions and share with their teacher.

You can access these sites via our Home Learning page. Please note you will need to login using your child's office 365 login and password details. If you are unsure what these are please contact your child's teacher via email.

The Home Learning page will be a place to share information and connect to class sites.

<https://opaheke.sharepoint.com/sites/LearningatHome>

Each classroom has a linked page. Your child's login will only let them access their class page. It would be a good idea to bookmark the class page for easy access.

We have also developed some general guidelines for parents about what to expect from our online learning programmes. These are included below and can also be found on our website and in our Learning at Home Portal.

## LEARNING AT HOME

Information for Parents



### Keep in Touch

We miss you already and would love to hear from you! Post on our discussion boards and share pictures too. Teachers will be available during normal school hours to answer questions and provide feedback. If you are not sure about something, please reach out to us.

### Physical Activity

Keeping moving is essential for our physical and mental wellbeing. Each day we will include an activity. There are lots of resources available online with tips on how to keep fit at home. We would love to see what you get up to!

### Optional Tasks

A variety of additional activities will also be provided. These will include creative and academic tasks that can be done with others in your home. You can complete these at any time that suits your family.



### Streamlined Curriculum

Our everyday classroom learning can be complicated so we will be simplifying things for our students. We will focus on literacy and numeracy tasks and include a variety of academic and creative tasks.

### Daily Tasks

Each morning teachers will assign a small number of tasks. Try to complete these when you are able, throughout the day. There is no need to try and catch up on missed work.

### Digital Learning

We know that some of our students are sharing a device with other family members. So we intend to limit our online learning tasks to two hours per day. There is lots of learning we can do without a device too!

We also compiled some reminders for our students when engaging in our online spaces. Please take some time to revisit these with your child/children. We will reiterate these in our class sites too.

Things to remember when

# USING OUR ONLINE SPACES

for learning

Opaheke School  
Established 1982

**Be Present**  
We love to know how you are doing so check in everyday with your teacher. Join in with our work and discussions.

**Be Respectful**  
You can reply to any post or discussion. Make sure the comment is kind, respectful and helpful to the person who posted.

**Be Mindful**  
Take regular breaks from your screen and limit your device time. Put your device away when asked.



**Be Safe**  
Use applications approved by your teacher if you can't login into an app with your school account, we probably don't need it. Work in a place where adults can see your screen.

**Be Patient**  
Sometimes your teacher may be working with another student or on other tasks, they may not respond straight away.

Each teacher will be in touch again tomorrow to share the details of how to login into each class site and further details of their program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any other questions.

We hope your family is well. We look forward to hearing from you in our online spaces.

Stay and be kind to one another

Nga Mihi

Sean Valvoi