

Friday 14 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Opaheke School

Principal: Sean Valvoi

Kia ora koutou,

Well done to all those families who have managed to connect with your child's teacher through the Learning at Home SharePoint page. We understand there may be some families who are still in the process of developing your bubble and determining whether you are working from home or required to go into work.

As I reiterated during the last time we were learning at a distance, we do not expect students to complete a full day of work as they would do at school. You, as parents, are in the best position to judge how much learning your child can comfortably manage in a day and there is flexibility in what activities they do at home. I do ask that you keep regular and continued contact with your child's teacher preferably online or via text or phone if online contact is unavailable. **Please note that teachers will only be responding during the normal hours of a school day or week.**

Sharing our School Devices if Level 3 Lockdown is extended

Online learning is up and running at Opaheke School. To increase access for our students we are sharing our school supply of devices with our families.

In order to reach as many families as possible, we can provide one device per family (up to and including three children). If you have more than three children attending our school, we can provide a second device.

Where possible, please call the office ahead of time (298 5410) and let us know your child's name and room number. This will allow us to source the device ahead of your arrival.

Before leaving school, each device needs to be logged on with your child's username and password. This may need to be reset and we will provide details at the time of collection.

Device collections are available between 9am and 12pm each day. At this stage we anticipate that these will be available until **WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST**.

Planning and Preparation

At the time of sending this update we are unaware of what the government's decision will be around whether Level 3 will be extended, whether we go to Level 2 or if we will go to level 4. Be rest assured that we have learnt from last time and have systems in place to manage school whatever the level happens to be.

If level 3 is extended through to next week then children of parents who are deemed to be essential will continue to come to school. If we move to level 2 then all children will be welcomed back to school and we will be guided by the government as to what day that is. If we move to level 4 the school is completely shut and no staff or students are permitted onsite.

We do understand that you and your children, and for that matter staff, will be disappointed that scheduled events such as sports fixtures and hui may be postponed or cancelled. Be reassured

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we will contact you once we know the what the decision is regarding future activities, meetings and events.

Learning at Home Site

A reminder that on our main 'Learning at Home' site <https://opaheke.sharepoint.com/sites/LearningatHome> you will find the 'Contact Us' tab on the right-hand side. Use this to make a general enquiry or if you have device or connection issues. We will be only too happy to help.

I will be in contact soon with another school update. Please take note of key news bulletins either online or via media broadcasts so the you are kept up to date about decisions and measures which affect all of Auckland and New Zealand.

Stay safe and be kind to one another.

Nga Mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean Valvoi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean Valvoi