

Letter #14

Monday 20 September 2021

Principal: Sean Valvoi

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Ōpaheke School

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you had a nice weekend and got the chance to enjoy some of the spring sun. I am sure you are feeling the same way as me, anxiously awaiting the announcement by the Prime Minister at 4pm today. The decision will be whether Auckland will be down to Level 3 at the planned time of 11.59pm Tuesday or whether Level 4 will be extended.

### Attending School at Level 3 Flow Chart

As I have said in previous communications school is essentially closed at Level 3. This flow chart is different from previous one at Level 3. Where, in the past you may have sent your child to school at Level 3 because there are no adults in the home, we are now asking that you seek family and friends to care for your children during this time. There are two reasons for this. First, it is much safer for you to extend your bubble with one family you know, than to send them to school exposed to 14 different bubbles – every student in the bubble up to 10, and the 4 staff members, will bring their home bubbles with them to school (and then home again). The second reason is our capacity to look after the same number of students as last time is less. The bubble numbers have a maximum of 10 and we have more teachers looking after their own children at home, as we can't have staff bring their children into school.

So, have you sorted your bubble extension at level 3?

You can view the flow chart on page 2.

The form to request a school bubble will be sent out once the announcement has been made.

### Vaccination

I am noticing a lot more walk in vaccination sites around Auckland where it is not necessary to make a booking. There is also a lot of information where the sites are on social media and advertising in newspapers.

The closest walk in vaccination centres to Ōpaheke are:

Papakura Marae Vaccination Centre, 29 Hunua Road, Papakura  
Mon – Sun: 8am – 4.30pm (Drive through, no booking required)

Takanini Vaccination Centre, 8 Great South Road, Takanini  
Mon – Sun: 8.30am – 4.30pm (Walk in, no booking required)

One of our parents also works at the Papakura East Medical Centre. 57 Clevedon Road, Papakura, Auckland 2110, New Zealand Open Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm (Fri to 5pm), Ph 2999666, and informs us they can also take casual patients for vaccines. Don't forget to take your 12+ children with you.

Ph: 09 298 5410

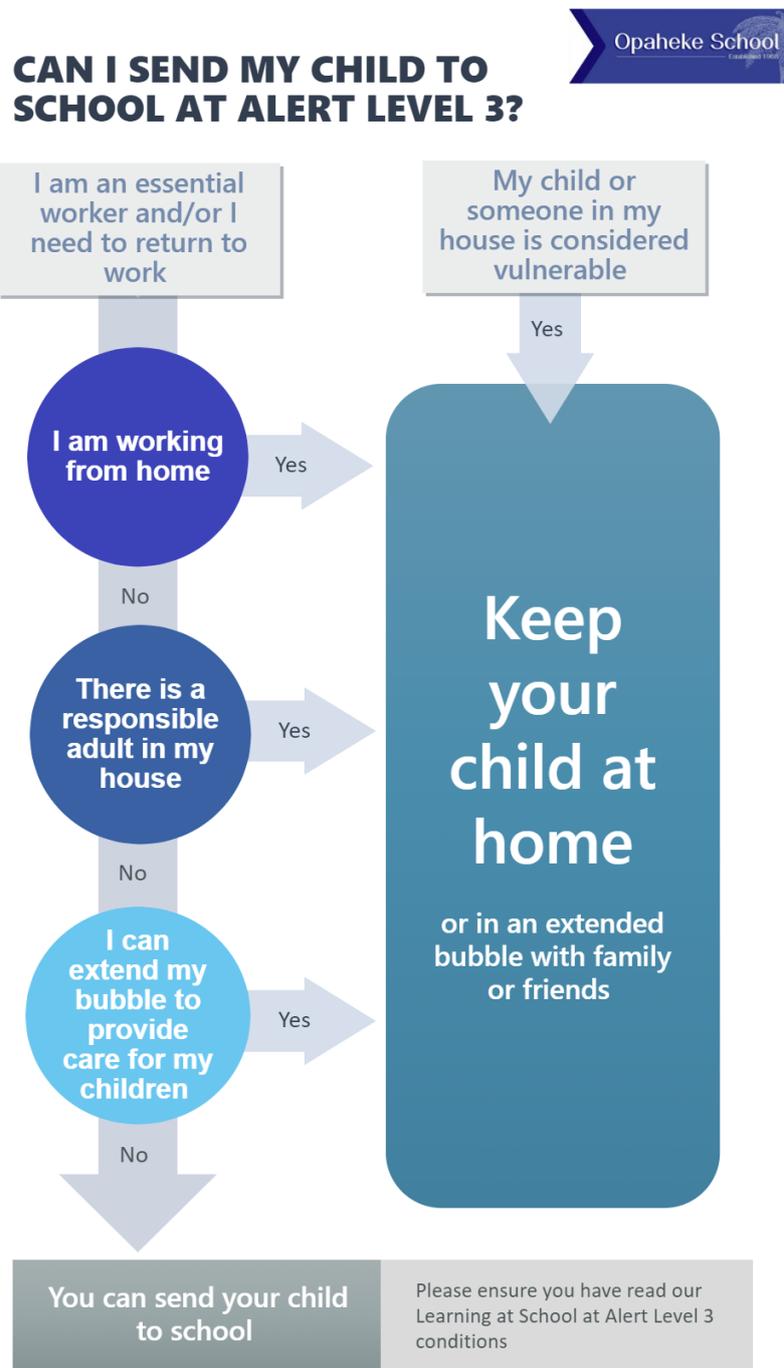
Email: [office@opaheke.school.nz](mailto:office@opaheke.school.nz)  
Tasman Drive, Papakura 2113

[www.opaheke.school.nz](http://www.opaheke.school.nz)

## Parent Survey

Remember to complete the parent survey about our learning from home programme before the end of this week using the link below. Only one response per family please.

<https://bit.ly/ParentSurveySep2021>



Keep your eyes peeled for information and communications this week. Maybe we will be able to look forward to some takeaways, a flat white and maybe extending out bubbles. Stay strong, stay safe and stay kind.

Noho oro mai.

Sean Valvoi  
Principal