

Covid 19 - Level 2 Announcement

At 12 noon Saturday, the Prime Minister outlined the Covid-19 Alert Levels. There are 4 different levels that can be set at either a regional or national level.

Nationally, we are at Level 2.

Level 2 means the new restrictions have been put in place, effective immediately; a full list of restrictions can be found at

<https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-system/>

The restriction that currently has the greatest impact on Buckland School is:

Those community members over 70 and those who are immune-compromised are advised to stay at home.

At risk people include:

- **Those over 70** : Older people often have underlying health issues, including respiratory issues that make them more vulnerable to COVID-19.
- **People with medical conditions** : Underlying medical conditions can make you more vulnerable to COVID-19. In particular, people with respiratory conditions, such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), heart conditions, high blood pressure, kidney problems and diabetes.
- **People undergoing a treatment for cancer and blood conditions** : As treatments for cancer and blood conditions affect people's immune systems, this makes them more vulnerable to COVID-19.
- **Pregnant women** : Health experts do not yet know if pregnant women are impacted by COVID-19 in the same way as other people. However, pregnant women experience changes in their bodies that may increase their risk from some infections.
- **People without easy access to healthcare**

Please note: This will affect some staff members at our school which will impact on our daily programmes.

Schools will remain open but this will affect how some of our classes function.

We understand that these restrictions will mean that some families will be keeping children at home.

If you do intend to self-isolate or temporarily withdraw your child/ren from school for the foreseeable future, it is important that you advise the school through the usual absentee channels (phone/email/app). To avoid having to contact the school daily please indicate how long your child/ren will be away for. This will help us with day to day planning based on the numbers of children absent.

Every school will have a different way of sharing possible learning packs that can be used for your child(ren) at home. We will be meeting on Tuesday afternoon to discuss the best way for us to support ongoing learning at home. We will let our families know how we will approach this later in the week.

In the meantime, we would encourage the children to continue to use Steps Web (if you have this), Mathematics, read lots and write stories. There are also ideas on the Pukekohe Kahui Ako site. If you are unable to access these programmes or have forgotten logins and passwords please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

If you have any further questions in relation to COVID-19 don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay safe, be patient and look after each other.

Kind Regards

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