



Tēnā koutou kātoa

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## **COVID UPDATE**

This is an update on the planning and preparation for the next steps for moving to Alert Level 2 at Taipā Area School.

## **TIMELINE**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - the Ministry of Education will publish some guidelines for schools. This will help us with planning what will happen at Taipā Area School when we move to Alert Level 2.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** – the Government will announce when Aotearoa moves to Alert Level 2. I will update whānau with how we will safely move our students and staff back into school. This will not be like it was before, there will definitely be a different way of entering our school and moving once we are at school. Buses will tell us how they are going to safely transport your tamariki to school.

## **Health & Safety**

This comes first. Our decisions will be about the Health and Safety of our staff and our students. We will follow the guidelines and would very much appreciate your support in what we will ask of you and your tamariki.

## **Online Teaching & Learning**

This is a very different way of working, new for our teachers and teacher aides and new for our learners out there. Some like it, some don't like it and some are being selective or hard to reach! Please encourage your tamariki to connect in the lessons and spend time with us. Sometimes just having a catch up with a teacher, or using the online programmes, or seeing classmates is uplifting.

Everyone should have had some hard copy resources or been provided with a device. We have been working with MOE to make this happen. Please contact us if you need some support in this.

## **Food Bank**

Thank you all who have contributed to our Food Bank. Staff, our whānau and the community have been so generous in bringing in fresh fruit, vegetables, packaged food and even donations so that we can purchase extra items, it has been great. If you would like a food parcel, please use the contacts below.

Keep safe and well, kia kaha whānau, mā te mahitahi ka ora ai te iwi!

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