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COVID 19 Update - Level 3 moving to Level 4 (Schools are closed)

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Kia ora Hato Mere whanau,

As you may be aware the Level for COVID 19 has been raised to Level 3 as of 1:40pm today from the address by Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. Within 48 hours this will be elevated to Level 4. This has a large impact on the whole country. All work places and businesses will be affected. We are all affected in a number of different ways. This is a time to be one country and support each other as much as we can. Never before has it been this essential to be connected online for yourselves and your children.

School is closed as of the end of the day today until further notice. School will however have provision for those children of parents who are in ESSENTIAL SERVICES (these will be identified in the next email) for Tuesday 24 March and Wednesday 25 March. As of midnight Wednesday 25 March school will be closed for at least a 4 week period while in Level 4. This will be updated as the weeks progress.

I will send a second email to you all later this afternoon/early evening in regards to the school's next moves for your children's learning. We have 13 days of learning left before the Term 1 holidays were to begin. This afternoon we will discuss as a staff how this will look and what opportunity you as parents will have to come in to school and pick up work for your children.

Please read the following email carefully as it will be clear as to the space you are allowed to enter to receive this work.

God Bless you all in this time of vulnerability and uncertainty. Our prayers go to you all and the wider community.

Yours *"In Christ's Light"*

Paddy Dowling

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