



**Orewa North Primary School**  
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Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

As we are sure you have heard yesterday, the government made the decision to go to Alert Level 3 next week. We are pleased we are able to support the people who need to go back to work by looking after their children if there is no one at home to care for them. School will open for these children on the 29th of April.

We look forward to seeing all our students back as soon as it is safe! We are working from ministry advice and will be busy setting up our school over the next week for students that need to be there. We strongly advise, you only send your child to school if you absolutely need to because you need to work.

**It is essential you let us know before we return, if your child will be attending school as you are required to go into work and no adults are at home to look after them.** This is so we can create a special roll for students onsite, so we will know if they are absent and therefore will have time to prepare our school to make it as safe as possible.

If you NEED your child to attend school as you are required to attend work away from home, please email [principal@orewanorth.school.nz](mailto:principal@orewanorth.school.nz) so we can plan and organise staff that will be needed onsite. **Please do this by THURSDAY 9am.** You do NOT need to email us if your child will be staying at home, continuing with our **Orewa North Home Learning Plan.**

It is vital that if you are working from home you keep your child/ren at home. Please be aware a number of our staff are unable to attend until Level 2 due to health conditions and consequently we will have limited staff available. Students attending school will be following the Orewa North Home Learning Programme exactly the same as the students at home.

We will be obeying the restrictions (social distancing) placed upon us i.e children will be in bubbles (classrooms of 10) and will be seated a metre apart. At lunchtime each bubble will play separately and children will need to be 2 metres apart.

We will do our very best to ensure social distancing however, as you can imagine, this will be extremely challenging with young children. We encourage (are asking) you, if possible, to keep students at home and in their "bubble" to keep them safe.

We will be contacting all parents/caregivers of students coming to school in Level 3, on the 24th of April to let you know how this will be working, times of the school day, where to drop off and pick up and what students need to bring. Please be reassured students from the same families will be kept together.

Kind regards,

Orewa North Senior Leadership Team