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Dear Parents and Caregivers

First and foremost I hope that you and all of your family are safe and well and that you have not been personally affected by this horrific virus!

Thank you to all our doctors, nurses, truck drivers, supermarket staff, security staff, production workers, vets, veterinary staff, transport workers, rubbish collection workers, everyone who has gone to work to keep the rest of us safe, fed and somewhat sane!

You no doubt have heard the Government's announcement yesterday that as of 11.59pm on Monday 27th April the country will move to alert level 3. Alert level 3 means that we as a country are trying to restrict the transfer of Covid-19 and that there is still a high risk the disease is not contained. We worked hard as a country and have made many sacrifices over the last 4 weeks to allow the government to lower the alert level, but this is not a time to take undue risks. We have not really been in alert level 3 before and the Ministry of Education has sent out very clear guidelines to schools regarding what they must do to be open for students.

At alert level 3 schools for students from Year 1-10 can open but within very strict guidelines!

As of 29th April, Bayview School will be open for children who NEED to return to school because their parents are not able to work from home, it is not open for students who WANT to return to school when their parent or a caregiver is at home.

I want to outline the steps and thus limitations the returning students and their parents will have to comply with to ensure the continued safety of all returning students and the school staff.

CAN DO	CAN'T DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● We can have up to 10 students in any one bubble. These will be family based i.e. siblings together.● Remain 1m distance from others while inside.● Stay 2m distance from others while outside● Continue the learning from home learning experiences but at school● Break times will be staggered to reduce potential gatherings● Staggered finish times and pick up times to reduce potential gatherings● Families to decide on 1 designated drop off/pick up person (only 1 person per families attending school)● Smile at each other● Make kindness the centre of all we do● Bring our own drink bottle● Bring our own brainfood, morning tea and	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● No before or after school care will be available.● All playgrounds remain closed● The sandpit will be closed● The hall is closed● No sports gear can be brought to school or be taken out of the sports shed.● No toys can be brought to school.● No sharing of school equipment● No one to enter the school office building (we can still take phone calls and can speak with you at a doorway with 1m distance.● Fale's will be out of bounds for after school pick up.● Share pencils or writing equipment● Drink out of school water fountains● No breakfast club● No milk in schools

<p>lunch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have a daily register of who attends school and who the designated adult is on school site (for contact tracing reasons) ● Have sanitiser in all spaces available for children and adults to sanitise their hands. ● Have paper towels in toilets for children to dry their hands properly ● Sanitise school indoor surfaces regularly throughout the day. ● Have fun. ● Continue distance learning as we have been doing through seesaw since 15th April. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have classes double up for buddy classes (school bubbles must stay exclusive of each other) ● Chain gang ● Have children or staff at school that have symptoms of covid-19 i.e. sore throat, cough, sneezing, fever. ● Shake hands, hug, elbow tap ● No adults to enter school buildings (except school staff) ● Teachers cannot visit each other in their classrooms.
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We will be sending out a survey today via seesaw asking the parents who NEED to send their children to school to fill in some details. We are cognizant to the fact we can only have up to 10 children per teacher and that we also have some vulnerable staff who will not be able to be on site such as our lovely Miss Corlett who is due to have her baby in May. We are asking who the designated drop off/pick up person is as there are some strict guidelines in and around drop off and pick up from school.

Once we have an indication of who may be sending their child or children to school we can finalise our procedures and our health and safety plan. Once this is finalised we will put this on our website so you can see the full list of precautions we are taking.

By working together we can get through these difficult times. We are all yearning for some space and some normalcy to return. Sadly alert level 3 doesn't allow this kind of normalcy just yet, but if we can stay strong and focused and follow the guidelines we will get there!

Kia kaha Team Bayview!

We've got this!

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Diane Raynes
Principal