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Kia ora Team Bayview,

We acknowledge that the Government announcement yesterday that we are remaining in alert level 3 for a bit longer, is not what you may have anticipated and may be feeling quite disappointed. The Government's strategy has changed and as such the approach that has been taken in the past has also changed. The public health message is that vaccination is essential to get us back to some sort of normal. These are uncharted waters.

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home through Seesaw by providing daily Google Meets and learning activities from the beginning of Term 4 - Monday 18th October. The teachers will also be in contact with you all next week to touch base and check in with how you are all doing. Please make sure you reach out to your child's teacher or alternatively one of us if you need any support with anything.

Bayview School will therefore open on Monday 18th October for only the small number of children who need to attend. A reminder that the key messages at alert level 3 are that parents and caregivers should only send children to school if absolutely necessary. This would include any child who can't be supervised at home by an appropriate person. While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if

there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with no other option, please fill in this form <https://forms.gle/pT6jiwFKh8zZYXFv5>
To ensure we have enough staff to fulfil the health and safety requirements please fill this form **no later than Thursday 14th October 3pm.**

You will need to fill this in again even if you have previously done it last term.

All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means students will be kept in bubbles of no more than 10. Our staff on-site will also have been tested for COVID-19 before they get back to work and we are moving toward having 100 percent of our staff vaccinated – so we are all playing our part in keeping our community safe. You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested. These are the very best things we can do to keep our community as safe as possible and get everyone back to school.

A reminder that our school grounds remain CLOSED. There will be a small number of children and staff onsite during alert level 3 and in order to ensure their safety please stay out of the school grounds.

Ngā mihi,

Diane Raynes, Shelley Matuku & Jacob Allison