

Tēnā koutou Oaklynn community - parents, whānau, carers and all staff

I hope this finds you all well in your bubble.

The Prime Minister has announced this afternoon that:

- We will remain in Level 4 lockdown until Monday 27th April 11.59pm and then
- Move into Level 3 for 2 weeks.
- On Monday 11th May a new decision re next level will be made.

Whilst most schools are able to open for students in Level 3 - this unfortunately is not the case for Specialist Schools.

LEVEL 3 - SCHOOL IS STILL CLOSED

Ministry of Education guidelines are clear that “Residential and special schools will not resume in the early stages of Level 3 for children to physically attend.” (this is both Satellites and Base Classes)

The Ministry of Education has acknowledged that our school setting has its own unique challenges in keeping everyone safe and protected.

- For the next 3 weeks Oaklynn is **not open to students.** (this is both Satellites and Base Classes)
- Staff (when authorised by Principal), may access the school site for collecting of resources, cleaning and preparation of learning resources. (SMT will work on a plan over the next few days)
- Oaklynn staff will continue to provide families with support for student learning - whether it be through connecting with the young person or distributing resources.

HEALTH AND SAFETY - our ongoing concern

During this period, Oaklynn’s focus as always, is ensuring the health and safety of students, their families and staff and their families too. We have a collective duty of care to all members of our learning community, which we carefully balance with providing the best learning opportunities for our students.

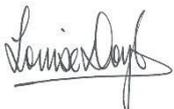
BACKGROUND

- As we were going into Lockdown in March, we found that many of you did not send your child to school and 40+ students were unable to be transported to school because of the age / health of the taxi drivers.
- To make sure we have the best information and are able to make a plan for the future in Level 2, we need to get an indication from you of whether you would send your children to school at each level.

NEXT STEPS

- We will survey families to find out how our community feels about returning to school in the future.
- We will survey staff to find out about their availability to work at future levels also.
- Oaklynn Board of Trustees, Principal and Senior Leadership team have been liaising recently to determine what the next 3 weeks and following few months will look like for students, families and staff - and will continue to work together to address all the issues associated with opening school at Level 2 and how we keep everyone safe within the Ministry of Health and Education’s guidelines
- Please note that at any time the situation might change if the guidance we are given from the Ministry of Education changes.
- Please note that our website is being regularly updated with learning resources and information about wellbeing and disability support services / assistance. www.oaklynn.school.nz has a designated COVID 19 page.

We will be in touch again shortly with our survey. Stay safe, Stay indoors and Be Kind,
Ngā mihi nui



Louise Doyle
Principal