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Kia ora parents, caregivers and whānau,

As you will no doubt be aware, confirmed cases of Covid 19 are increasing in our city, as well as at our school. We are now receiving confirmation of confirmed cases daily. From this point on, we will update our community weekly as to the number of cases we have. We will no longer identify any particular class, rather please assume that it is highly likely that all classes are affected. Can I please ask that you continue to monitor your children for symptoms and contact Health line for any information and advice.

As we have indicated previously, we will continue to operate our school for as long as possible. We are dependent on having staff at school, so things may change depending on our staff's availability. We are beginning to implement the next stage of our response, which is, when a staff member is away and we are unable to source a relief teacher, we will be merging classes. We have a system for this that is well worked out, however, could I remind our community that being in a split class does not mean the teacher has Covid. It may be that the teacher needs to be released to work on school related matters, or that the teacher may need time for other reasons. Please discourage your child from speculating.

There will most likely come a time when we will need to ask for your support by keeping your child at home. We will do our very best to remain open for children of essential workers, but this will rely on staff availability. We will give you as much notice as we can before asking you to keep your child at home. In preparation it may be a good idea to ask your child if they know how to access on-line work before they need to. We will also have hard copy work available.

This is a challenging time for all of us. I hope your family is able to work together, and to work with us, to manage our way through this.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden  
Principal