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## Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau

With the move to Level 3 I am sure we are all looking forward to hearing when we can move even further down the Levels. Hopefully we can see our country making progress in the battle against this particularly nasty variant, and soon return to a little more normality.

Teachers will be continuing to work with your children through on-line learning. I know some families have asked for support through hard copy work. From tomorrow it will be possible for families to access this through contactless pick up at school. To assist us we ask that you contact the school before coming, either by phoning the school or emailing the office. We will give you a time, and instructions as to how to collect the work without breaking any of our bubbles. Please note that this is only an option – if you are happy with your child's learning at present there is no need for you to collect a hard copy pack.

Any person entering the school must sign in, and adults visiting the school should continue to wear masks and use hand sanitizer as appropriate. Only school staff who are working in our bubble are able to access the school site, and we are trying to keep these numbers to an absolute minimum.

As we work through the levels, we are considering whether we will be able to continue with the Wellington camps. We will be looking at making a decision sooner rather than leaving it to the last minute. When we have made our decision, I will be sure to let you all know just as soon as I can. I appreciate that this may be a little unsettling at this moment, but our decision will be based on what is best, and safest, for our students, teachers, and accompanying adults.

Like you, I will be waiting for next Monday's announcement on the Levels. Hopefully we will soon be able to return to face-to-face teaching.

Please remember that we are here to help you if you have any questions or queries. I hope that you all are able to stay safe, warm, and use this time to continue to build strong, positive relationships within your family.

Ngā mihi nui, kia kaha, kind regards

Phil Tappenden Principal