



15th August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Government announced yesterday that Auckland will remain at Alert Level 3 for a further 12 days until Wednesday 26th August. The staff are well prepared to cater for distance learning for this period of time and ensure there is continuity for our learners. As I noted in yesterday's correspondence, this means we URGENTLY need some information from you to plan effectively.

1. Attendance at Level 3

The key message for parents remains that if you can, you need to keep your child at home. Only students that cannot be supervised at home (as their parents are essential workers and there is no other option for childcare) can attend school. If parents are at home, your child must be at home. This means that only students of essential workers are able to attend.

To help us to prepare, we need all families to complete the following survey or email us as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Currently we have only heard from 150/320 families and this makes it very difficult to plan for our bubbles on Monday.

[Attendance Survey COVID19](#)

If you would prefer to email the school please send the following information to Mrs Somerville Smith (Deputy principal) via email: lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz

1. Student's name & class
2. I will be keeping my child home OR I need to send my child to school as no one is at home to care for them
3. If your child must attend school, please indicate who the designated caregiver is that will be dropping them off and collecting them from school
4. Parent/s' contact details

Students that have to attend will need to go to the school library on Monday morning for a meeting before being placed into their bubbles. Once the Alert Level 3 School Attendance register and bubbles are in place, more specific instructions will be emailed to families.

2. No device or Internet

We are aware that a number of families may not have access to the internet or a device. GIS has a number of devices available for students to borrow during the enforced isolation period (Level 3 and 4), as well as paper copies of schoolwork. If you require a device or a paper pack please email me mwhitford@glenfieldint.school.nz

Both devices and paper copies will be available from the school office on Monday 17th August between 12pm and 3pm. For safety reasons only one person from each family can visit the office to collect these and a parent must sign an agreement before the device will be issued. Social distancing and hygiene procedures will be strictly adhered to including the wearing of face masks.

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3. Learning

The GIS 'Distance Learning Programme' will recommence from Monday 17th August. This means teachers will be working from home and will have daily google meetings with their classes as they did the last time we were in lockdown. Teachers will be available during normal school hours to assist students with queries. I have included some additional information for you regarding distance learning at the end of this newsletter.

4. School Office

Please be aware our office will be open during Alert Level 3 but for phone consultations only. There will be NO face to face consultations so please do not come into the office. You can contact our school office by phoning 09 444 6582 or email enquiries@glenfieldint.school.nz.

As always, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email your child's teacher.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Whitford', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Mark Whitford
Principal

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE GIS DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME

Welcome back to the Distance Learning Programme for Glenfield Intermediate students. The key focus of this programme is on the essential skills (which could include; critical thinking, managing themselves, cooperating with others, using language symbols and texts to communicate, actively participating and contributing) and also our school values (The 4 R's - respect, responsibility, resilience and relationships) that underpin the GIS Learner Profile and the curriculum at Glenfield Intermediate. The most important aspect of the programme is the wellbeing of our students, staff and families. The programme will be engaging, fun and give students some choice.

- From the 17th August teachers at GIS will again be providing Distance Learning Programmes through Google Classroom (this includes the specialist teachers)
- It is hoped that all students will engage in the programme
- The programme is a mixture of online and 'offline' activities that your child can participate in
- Our teachers are working from home with their families as well so please be patient and understanding if the teacher is not available immediately
- What if my child has password issues?
- Google password - email Mr Whitford - mwhitford@glenfieldint.school.nz
- Seesaw / specific websites - please email the classroom teacher

Classroom Programme

- Teachers will be available between the following times to support their students with face to face meetings:
 - ◊ 9am-10.00am (Google meeting)
 - ◊ 1.30pm-2.30pm (Google meeting)
- Teachers will also be checking emails and Google Meet chat threads between 9am and 3pm daily.
- Teachers will provide a range of learning opportunities for their classes based on our GIS curriculum. These activities will include but are not limited to:
 - ◊ independent tasks
 - ◊ personalised (at your child's level) programmes using online products (eg. Sumdog, Epic,etc)
 - ◊ blended learning opportunities where students can watch instructional videos and other multimedia resources, practice skills and then bring questions to face to face Google Meets
 - ◊ instructional programmes delivered by external experts (eg. Khan Academy, Footsteps, Code Avengers etc) which will be selected to ensure they align with your child's next steps and the GIS Term 3 curriculum

Google Classroom and Seesaw applications will be used to store and share learning resources and student work. All students will need to join the relevant 'classroom' using a specific access code which your child's teacher will email to you.

Specialist Team - Distance Learning programmes

This will be shared by the classroom teachers on Monday:

- The specialist teachers have developed a programme on google slides that students can work on at home. The programmes are flexible and can be adapted to suit what is possible at home. If you have any questions regarding the specialist programme, the teachers are available at the following times:

- Monday - Wednesday -
 - ◇ 9am -3pm email response within 2 hours of receiving your email
 - ◇ Thursday - Friday - email response within the next 24 working hours
 - ◇ Note: If you haven't heard from your tech teacher and urgently need to get hold of them please forward your email to Mrs Cameron-Smith - scameronsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz

- Team Koru Specialist Subjects (all students) - Seesaw Code is:
 - ◇ Hard Tech PFQY JKJV
 - ◇ Food Tech ZMQW XCVF
 - ◇ Art TIBH OOYP
 - ◇ Performing Art MKPG TLFS
 - ◇ Digital Media GEME DLQF

Summary

The most important aspect at this time is the wellbeing of us all. We do not want this programme to create additional stress in your family bubble.

If you have any questions relating to your child's classroom programme or the specialist programme, please email the relevant teacher.

Take care and stay safe.

Mark Whitford
Principal