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Kia ora koutou

I am sure you have all heard the latest news regarding the new community cases of COVID-19 in Auckland. As a result, the Government announced that the whole of Auckland will once again move to Alert Level 3 for 7 days hours from 6am this morning.

This decision was taken for two reasons – first it is not immediately clear how the latest person to test positive got infected and second, that person has visited several large sites while potentially infectious and it will take some time to identify and track down what could be a large number of people.

The key message for parents is 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. Please keep your child at home if possible as we have a number of staff that will need to be at home as well.

To assist with our planning we require some information from you.

### **1. Attendance at Level 3**

To ensure we have enough staff onsite, we need to know if you plan on sending your child to school at any time during the next week.

If you need to send your child, please email the following information to Mrs Somerville Smith (Deputy principal): [lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz)

1. Student's name & class
2. Days that your child will need to attend school
3. Who the designated caregiver is that will be dropping them off and collecting them from school

### **2. No device?**

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 next week. We also have some hard copy packs of work available.

Devices and hard copy packs will be available from the main office between 11am-1pm on Monday 1st March. There will be clear protocols to do this safely and we ask that just one ADULT comes to collect the device and sign for it. Please enter the school car park on Avalon Place and follow the instructions.

If you require a device or hard copy pack please email Mrs Somerville Smith (Deputy principal) [lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz)

### **3. School Office**

Please be aware our office will be open during Alert Level 3 but for phone consultations only.

You can contact our school office by phoning 09 444 6582 or email [enquiries@glenfieldint.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@glenfieldint.school.nz).

#### 4. Learning

The GIS 'Distance Learning Programme' will recommence from Monday 1st March. 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 (9am-3pm) to assist students with their learning.

All teachers have set up 'Google Classrooms' for their students that is the main avenue for setting work. Teachers will communicate with your child through their school email account. First and foremost we want to make sure everyone is safe and stay connected to you and your tamariki. COVID-19 continues to be a factor we need to consider, and I assure you we have a robust plan and will do everything we need to for your children and your wider family and whānau.

#### 5. Advice from Ministry of Health

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It's important we follow the rules.

If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the [Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'](#). Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability.

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so.

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

Take care and stay safe.

**Ngā mihi**



**Mark Whitford**  
**Principal**