

20th September 2021



Kia ora koutou

We hope this message finds you and your bubble well. The government announced this afternoon that Auckland will be moving to Alert Level 3 at midnight on Tuesday 21st September which is certainly a positive step back towards normal. The government will be reviewing this again on Monday 4th October which means that the rest of term 3 will be completed using our distance learning programme.

Moving to Alert Level 3 results in Glenfield Intermediate School opening on Wednesday 22nd September for a very limited number of children who must attend. Strict safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. These include:

- regularly cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces,
- encouraging everyone to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes,
- keeping everyone physically distanced from others (one metre inside and two metres outside).
- keeping school bubbles to no more than 10 students. These bubbles, including staff, will not mix with other bubbles.
- encouraging the use of face coverings
- ensuring our contact tracing systems are in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register. We will be limiting staff onsite with the majority of our team continuing to work from home.
- You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

The large majority of our students will continue to learn from home, through our distance learning programme. While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with **no other option**, we will look forward to seeing your child at school on Wednesday.

If you have not already contacted the school to inform us that your child needs to attend, please email Leanne Somerville Smith lsmith@glenfieldint.school.nz immediately to register. We can not have unexpected children arriving as there are strict protocols.

For those families that have informed us that their child will need to attend school at Level 3, you will be contacted by one of us tomorrow to confirm attendance details and requirements for your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of us if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi
Mark Whitford
Principal

Leanne Somerville Smith
Deputy Principal

Sarah Stevenson
Assistant Principal