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Kia ora koutou

Happy Monday! I wanted to give you a quick update on how we are doing under Alert Level 3.

Our emergency remote learning is generally working well. While it will certainly have challenges for you at home balancing care for your children with all your other responsibilities, we are getting a lot of great feedback too. It is exciting to see the innovation that has been happening. Keep those brilliant photos and videos coming through of what our students, families and whānau have been up to at home.

We were excited to be able to reopen our school site for staff and a few students last week and look forward to welcoming more of you in person very soon.

I also just wanted to provide some reassurance that we are following all Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines and that our school is a safe place to be. In order to ensure this, we have closely followed the [public health measures](#) that have been put in place for Alert Level 3.

I would also like to remind you that COVID-19 is not an illness that impacts heavily on children and young people. An article by Dr Gary Payinda in the [NZ Herald](#) highlights this:

- The young are less likely to get infected, less likely to get seriously ill, and less likely to spread the infection to others.
- When kids are affected, the illness is almost always mild. Luckily, unlike flu or many other infectious diseases, children with Covid are not super-spreaders.
- Covid's not measles or chickenpox; it doesn't hang in the air for hours waiting to infect passers-by. It travels on invisible drops of spit. You don't have to cross the street to avoid anyone. Just avoid getting in their 'moist breath' zone.
- Make hand hygiene a habit - more than being scared of runners passing by, touching groceries, or standing in queues at the supermarket, we should be afraid of our own hands.

You will also be interested to know there have been no confirmed instances of a person with COVID-19 who never developed symptoms spreading the virus. For more information on how COVID-19 is spread go to the [Ministry of Health website](#).

Staying home if sick, physical distancing, good hand hygiene, not touching your face, good cough/sneeze etiquette and regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces minimises any potential spread of the virus, if we were to have a case in our community. Our school's health and safety system is all set up to ensure this happens.

Please get in touch if you have any questions, including about our health and safety management for children, staff and visitors coming onsite.

Ngā mihi,  
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