

Kia ora parents and caregivers,

The Government announced some significant changes for schools on Monday, and I wanted to share with you the information we currently have from the Ministry of Education.

We know this is an exceptionally uncertain time for everyone, and I want to reassure you that our school is working closely with the Ministry to implement a return-to-school strategy for when we are able to reopen.

There is still a lot we don't know, and I'll keep you up-to-date as information becomes available. However, this is what we do know to date:

- The Auckland region will remain at Alert Level 3 as it currently stands, and Cabinet will review this decision on Monday 18 October.
- WGHS will not reopen to all students on Monday 18 October. For the majority of our students, distance learning will recommence on that day. Our staff are currently preparing for this, and I will also be sending an email to your daughter this afternoon explaining what we know so far. Students aged 12-13 years who have a valid reason for not being able to stay at home will be able to come to school from Monday. We know who these students are from Term 3, and look forward to seeing them.

I imagine you have lots of questions, and we will endeavour to answer all of them as the Government's COVID-19 response continues at pace.

Kindest regards

Jane Stanley
Principal