



27 August 2021

Dear Parents

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that we will move into Alert Level 3 next Wednesday 1 September. Ilam School will be open to receive children of parents who need to go to work from this date. Our OSCAR programme will not operate during Level 3 because of the risk of 'mixing' and therefore spreading COVID-19.

The key messages under Alert Level 3 for parents are:

- If you can, you should keep your child/ren at home.
- If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home.
- If your child is sick or has a cold, please also ensure you keep them at home.

To allow us to prepare for 1 September, could you please complete this [attached form](#) indicating whether your child/ren will be physically attending school, during Level 3. **We need the form to be completed by all families and would appreciate this being completed by 11:00am on Monday 30 August.**

For Children Attending School at Level 3

As advised by the Public Health Service, children that attend school will be in separate 'bubbles' of no more than 20 people. Bubbles will be a mix of year groups with family members placed in the same bubble. Your child's regular classroom teacher, for a variety of reasons, may not be the teacher assigned to your child's bubble.

We anticipate that there will be multiple 'bubbles' within the school but we will create distance between 'bubbles'. We will also endeavour to have no mixing between 'bubbles', this will involve staggered starting times, breaks, lunchtimes and finishing times. Recommendations state that there needs to be a 1m physical distance between all people when inside and a 2m physical distance when outside. We will do our very best to comply with this.

For Children Remaining at Home during Level 3

For those children who are able to remain at home during Level 3, on-line learning will continue to be provided by class teachers. Your child's classroom teacher will remain your key contact for on-line learning during Level 3 as they have been during Level 4.

Teacher Only Day - 10 September

Prior to the Lockdown a Teacher Only Day had been scheduled for Friday 10 September. This has now been postponed. We are looking to reschedule this, and will update you once a date has been confirmed.

At the time of writing, I am yet to hear from the Ministry of Education as to updated Guidelines for Level 3. I will be in touch next Tuesday, at the latest, with an update around our bubbles.

Enjoy your weekend.

Noho ora mai (All the best)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Paul Dolan
Tumuaki/Principal