



TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Operating Under Alert Level 4 Protocols

Monday 30 August 2021

Parent & Carer Update

Good Morning Te Rapa Families

The Government has the confidence that Hamilton is safe to move to Alert Level 3 on Wednesday.

Please remember however the safest place for you and your children right now is at home in your bubble.

At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble, unless for essential personal movement which includes going to work ... and in our case going to school.

All other New Zealanders must remain at home.

As the Prime Minister noted on Friday, schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3. The exception is for those very few children whose parents and carers must go to work at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home.

On Wednesday Te Rapa Primary will accommodate a very small number of children who must attend.

Our school will not operate as we did under Alert Level 2 or 1.

All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place, and this means we will have professional cleaners on site each afternoon / evening completing a thorough clean.

Students and staff will be encouraged to frequently wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep physically distanced from each other as much as possible (1 x metre inside and 2 x metres outside). Hand sanitisers will be onsite too.

We will also keep school bubbles to no more than 10 students, with assigned staff appointed to supervise each bubble. Bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.

Our contact tracing systems will be in place, which includes our attendance register and visitor register, and teaching and support staff will be rostered to work onsite and / or work from home.

Parents / carers can assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell, and under Alert Level 3 please only have them at school for part of the day whenever possible.

We will continue to support our distance learning programme for all students who are learning from home.

It is pleasing to hear that across New Zealand compliance is high. As you have been doing, please continue to follow all the alert level requirements at Level 4 and at Level 3 and stay at home. It is the best tool we have to keep our community safe.

Thanks to everyone for your anticipated assistance so far (small or large).

Please stay safe and stay healthy.

Kind Regards
V W Franklin
Principal