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Dear Parents/Guardians

Once again we find ourselves in unsettled times. I hope you are all well.

I have been waiting for verification from the Ministry of Education over school requirements in regards to level 3 and level 2 covid lockdown. Some of the information given to the schools has been conflicting and ambiguous.

On Monday 18 October, Te Kopuru School will be open only for those students whose parents are essential workers. We will contact those parents from our last lockdown essential workers list.

If the announcement from the government on Monday is that Northland moves into level 2, Te Kopuru School will be open to all students on Tuesday 19 October. As long as the water tests return as negative and there are no positive covid cases in Northland then it looks hopeful that we will indeed move back into level 2. (here's hoping but no guarantee!!!)

If indeed we stay in level 3, teachers will be in touch with home-based learning resources for your children.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please do continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test). For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

There are several school community events coming up in term 4 - our annual Pet and Project Day, athletics sports and our end of year prizegiving. Because of public health requirements, we will have to creatively think about how we can continue with these events as a school community but also adhere to the public health requirements of gatherings so that we keep our children and community safe.

We are hopeful that we can welcome everyone back onsite on Tuesday morning.

Nga mihi nui

Lee Anderson