



23 March 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The Prime Minister has informed us that as of now New Zealand has moved to Alert level 3 and will move to Alert level 4 by Thursday.

As a consequence, schools will only be available to children of parents who work in essential services, all other children must stay home. Schools will be closed to all children from midnight Wednesday.

If you work in essential services and intend to send your children to school tomorrow or Wednesday please email me (andrewb@kelburnnormal.school.nz) so I can staff accordingly.

By midnight Wednesday, Kelburn will physically be closed to all people.

We will continue the education for all our tamariki and so our remote learning platform will be coming to you. Teachers will liaise with you regarding this so please check your inbox. This gives children who are at home a set of learning tasks to access and work on throughout the day. With remote learning there will no doubt be a 'bedding' in process as everyone gets used to this different way of working but we will work through this.

Everyone will need a few days to set themselves up for this lockdown and get family affairs in order. These are very uncertain times and this a massive change to what we are used to. I do want to reinforce that going forward the absolutely MOST important thing is that we need to make sure that we are ok, our tamariki are ok, our whānau is Ok and our community is OK. Our health is not just physical but also mental. Let us take care together.

Please take care and we will be in touch each day to make sure you are.