

Dear parents and caregivers

We hope you are all safe and well, in what we hope will be our final weekend at Alert Level 4. As you will be aware as of 11.59 this evening we move to COVID LEVEL 3. The principle of Alert Level 3 (and 4) is **those that can stay home, should do so**. Any students not attending school will continue with their learning remotely. Teachers will continue to communicate information with you and your child regularly. This Ministry of Education link will provide you with some general information regarding preparation for moving into Level 3. <https://parents.education.govt.nz/essential-information/news-stories/information-to-help-with-your-planning-for-alert-level-3/>

To ensure the health and safety requirements for our staff we are only able to offer limited supervision on the school site. Detailed planning has been completed to ensure we meet all the Level 3 requirements, with further planning at our teacher only day meetings tomorrow.

However we also need your support. **If there are any changes to your family's situation** since the school survey or recent emails please contact fturner@albany.school.nz. This will assist us as we allocate students and supervisors to their home bubble. **After Wednesday 29th April** please let us know via the normal attendance APP or school phone line if there are any changes to these requirements for your family.

Information below is for parents that HAVE confirmed their child / children will require supervision.

- You will receive an email tomorrow from the Deputy Principal leading your child/ children teams, confirming which area/space your child has been allocated, their supervising bubble teacher as well as further information.
- Please do not drop children at school before 8.30am and collect promptly at 3.00pm as there will be no supervision on site outside of these hours.
- If you are dropping your child off at the school bus bay, or entering the school grounds by foot, please be aware that we must all continue to respect the requirement that we remain at 2 metre distance. Please prepare your child for this requirement as well if they are walking to school.
- It is preferable that you ask your child to walk to their bubble space on their own. If you do need to walk your child on to the school grounds, please come to the outside of the school office where we will have an allocated staff member escort your child to their allocated bubble space.
- Strict hygiene standards will be adhered to by all staff and required of children. Hand sanitiser, disinfecting of allocated limited sports equipment and surfaces, no playgrounds able to be used, allocated outdoor bubble areas for physical exercise and refreshment breaks (to ensure school bubbles do not intersect).
- There is no tuck shop, school buses, or Kelly Club available for the next two weeks.
- Your child's learning will still be predominately completing their online and family activities with their class teacher, with their bubble supervisor supporting the shift into bubble school.
- Please be reassured we will do everything we can to support your child's transition back into the school environment, while we adhere to the strict health and safety requirements. We are very aware that their wellbeing is paramount and will require some adjustment to bubble school which may initially feel very strange and different to what they are used to.

Thanks for your continued support for your partnership in your child's remote learning as well as supporting the Ministry of Education and Health regulations for schools in COVID Level 3.

Kind Regards, *Maree Bathurst*.
Principal, Albany Primary School.