



16 September 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The quick move to Alert Level 4, high volumes of testing for COVID in the community, extensive wastewater testing, huge numbers of New Zealanders being vaccinated (more than 2.8 million people have now received their first dose) and an amazing response by Aucklanders to follow the rules at Alert level 4, has given Government confidence that we might move to Alert Level 3 on **Wednesday 22nd September**. Until then, we remain at Alert Level 4.

All going well, we will be open on Wednesday 22nd September, for only the small number of children who need to attend. As you can imagine, it will not be school as we know it under Alert Level 2 or 1. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 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 cover their coughs and sneezes, and keep everyone physically distanced from others as much as possible (one metre inside and two metres outside). We will also keep school bubbles to no more than 10 students. These bubbles will not mix with other bubbles.

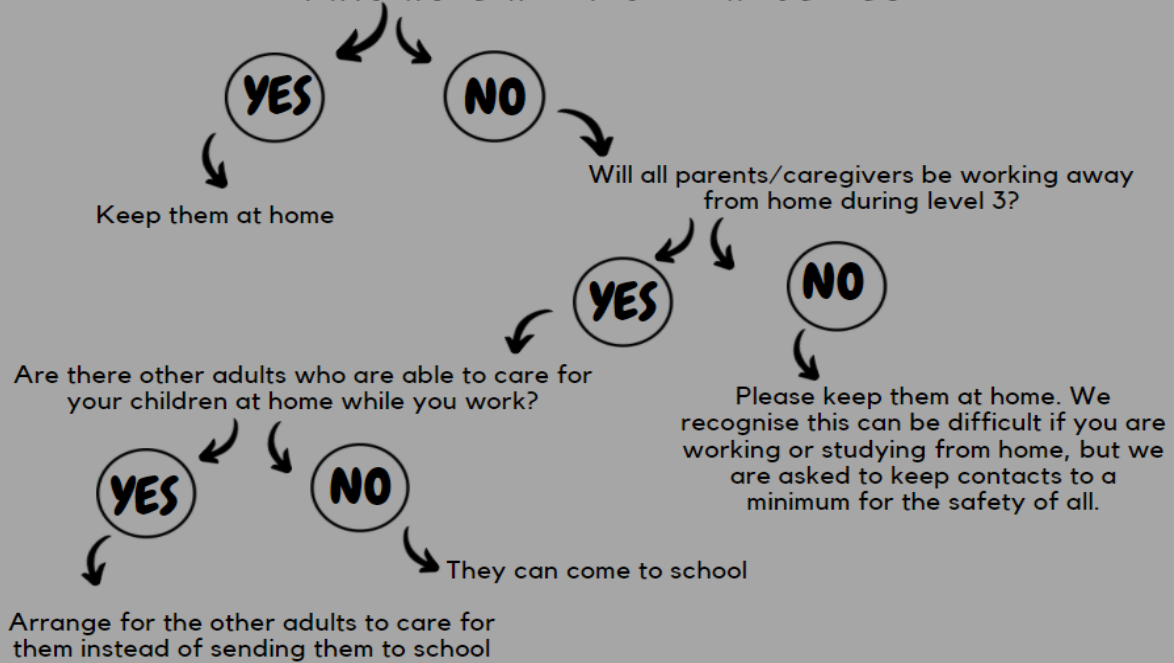
At Alert Level 3, you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement including going to work and going to school. As the Prime Minister has noted on numerous occasions, schools are essentially closed at Alert Level 3 with the exception of those few children whose parents and carers are essential workers and those who must go to work away from the household at Alert Level 3, and there is no appropriate caregiver at home.

It is important that we keep our school bubble as small as possible for the safety of the teachers, students and their whānau. Strict procedures are in place at Alert level 3 that must be adhered to at all times. Please note Bubble teachers will be specialist and part time teachers, students will not have direct teaching.

Classroom teachers will continue to work from home and support all children who remain learning from home, through our Home Learning programme.

## **CAN I SEND MY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IN LEVEL 3?**

**WILL THERE BE A PARENT OR CAREGIVER AVAILABLE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME DURING LEVEL 3?**



*If you do not have any supervision for your child/ren and therefore require your child to attend school at Alert Level 3 please email Melinda Bell [mbell@stanhope.school.nz](mailto:mbell@stanhope.school.nz) before 3pm, Friday 17th September. Please provide your child's name and room number.*

Please note that only the Harris Road entrance will be open at the beginning and end of the school day. Children must arrive at school at 8.55am and be collected promptly at 3pm. For health and safety reasons, parents are not allowed on the school site during level 3.

*Any children attending at Level 3 who have been issued a school chromebook must return this to school.*

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to keep our school community safe.

Ngā mihi nui

**Zane Wilson**  
**PRINCIPAL**