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### **COVID-19 Update**

Ata marie koutou/Good morning to you all,

With the announcement that New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 2 – Reduce Contact for COVID-19, people over 70 years of age and those with compromised immunity and certain existing medical conditions are asked to remain at home as much as they can from now on and avoid any non-essential travel.

Staff, children and young people in schools and early learning services are therefore asked to follow this advice.

**If your child has an underlying medical condition such as: a compromised immune system, liver disease, cancer, kidney disease, heart disease, diabetes mellitus then please keep them at home.**

**If your child is unwell for any reason they should stay at home.**

Students who are not unwell should continue to attend school.

If you choose to keep your child at home due to COVID-19 related reasons please communicate this to the school office as the reason for their absence. Your child's absence will be marked as justified.

Because of this latest announcement there will be staff, who fall into these categories, self-isolating from tomorrow. We will be working hard to find relievers to ensure that learning continues for our children however, please be aware that we may need to split or combine classes to ensure that there is adequate teacher supervision.

I would like personally thank you for your messages of support to staff team, it makes a big difference to know that we have support from our community.

Kind regards,

Michael Earl

Principal