



23 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As Ministry of Education guidelines are updated we are modifying what we do to try and keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

This is a challenging time for families making decisions around keeping students at home or sending them to school. We are still open for business, for the time being. If you chose to keep your children home please ensure you let the office know on 755 0838 or text 027 3109038. As you can imagine knowing where our students are is even more important at this time.

To help reduce contact we are asking that parents drop their children off at the school gates. The parents of junior students may take their child to the classroom if needed but are asked not to enter the classroom.

Our office team are still at work but we ask that the community only come in if it is critical. Our school office will effectively be closed. The office staff can be reached by the phone number above or by email.

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Please help us to keep our students and staff safe.

If you are keeping your children at home and would like a work pack please call the office. Please allow two days to get this organised and Kim Thomas will ring you when the pack is ready to collect. Some of our classes have digital programmes already which are still running as normal. All staff are planning for learning to continue if we are forced to close. This will more than likely be digitally based. We are working through the process of ensuring all students have access to devices. If we do close, staff will still be actively teaching, setting tasks, and keeping in contact with students and their families, ensuring learning continues as consistently as possible. More information about this distance learning will follow so we are as prepared in advance as much as possible.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this challenging time.

We hope everyone is looking out for each other and keeping our community safe.

Kind regards

Conrad Hailes