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Kia ora HCK whānau

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE #8 – Kindergartens closure

These are extraordinary times and it is with strong emotional feelings that we send this email out to you all.

The government has announced that <u>all</u> education providers must close from midnight Wednesday in order to slow down the spread of COVID-19.

All kindergartens are CLOSED from 2.30pm, Wednesday 25th March 2020.

Kindergarten tomorrow - Tuesday

Kindergartens will be closed from tomorrow, with the exception for those children whose parents work in the essential services, they will be open.

If you are not part of the essential workforce please do not send your child to kindergarten. See link to list below http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2000/0024/latest/DLM61702.html

Communicating with you while we are closed

While New Zealand is at Level 4 of the pandemic response, communication from Hutt City Kindergartens will mostly be done via our website and Facebook page. Information may also come via email, Storypark, individual kindergarten Facebook pages and possibly text messages.

We will be working hard to provide all our whānau with online resources and ideas for keeping tamariki occupied and engaged at home. 'Growing Young Learners' continues to be our priority.

When advised to do so, we will reopen our kindergartens. You will be informed using all the communication methods outlined above.

Unite against COVID-19

This is New Zealand's chance to prevent a massive national disaster, so let's all seize the opportunity. We encourage you to listen to the government's advice to stay strong, be kind and unite against COVID-19.

Ngā mihi nui

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