

28th April 2020

Kia ora koutou,

As most of you will be aware, we will be re-opening all of our kindergartens this Wednesday 29 April once NZ has moved from Level 4 to Level 3. We have received really good advice from the Education and Health Ministries over the past week and our primary concern is to keep our children, staff and community safe and support those who have to work and can't leave their children at home or those that need their children to return now.

During Level 3 the kindergarten session and routines will look a little different to ensure we can keep your child and teachers safe.

Here are some things parents and whānau need to know:

1. The key advice remains the same, **if you can keep your children at home, then you should continue to do so.**
2. If you are unable to care for your children at home and need to send them to kindergarten, **then we can help.**
3. If you haven't contacted us to let us know your plans, please do so asap.
4. For those who are planning on attending, Wednesday's session will start and end at the normal times for your kindergarten. Please arrive and wait outside the gate and maintain 2m social distancing and come in one at a time.
5. As you come into the kindergarten hand sanitizer will be available for you to use. The 'Sign-In/Out' area may have changed to make it easier for you to keep social distancing and the teachers will show you where it is. You will also need to complete the 'CONTACT TRACING' form each day and at the first session your child attends you will also be asked to complete an 'ADDITION TO ENROLMENT AGREEMENT DURING COVID19 LEVEL 3 LOCKDOWN' form.
6. Where possible please send the same parent/caregiver/whānau to drop off and collect your child.

7. For health reasons, just like public playgrounds, the equipment and resources available to children will be limited.

8. We will have a maximum of ten children in what we call “Our Kindergarten Bubble.” There will be 2 teachers with this group and the other teachers will either be working on site but not in contact with the children or working at home and helping those children not attending kindergarten with on-line activities.

9. Food will not be provided. Please ensure your child brings their own food and drink for the session.

10. Activities will be run to limit physical contact between children and there will be frequent hand washing between activities.

11. The kindergarten will be thoroughly cleaned before, during and after sessions.

12. At the end of the session we will again ask parents and whānau to wait outside the gate maintaining social distancing and a teacher will bring children out.

We want to again reassure you that we are getting the best advice and we are confident in that advice. What we would ask from you is that you help prepare your child for this new “Kindergarten Bubble” and have a conversation about what that might be like.

Things you might like to talk through at home:

- Handwashing and good hygiene and why we need to keep doing this.
- Trying not to touch you face.
- Preparing them for the “special kindergarten time” where there might not be very many children there.
- Why they won’t be allowed to do certain things like play with balls or climb on the play equipment.
- That it will be fun being back at kindergarten and exciting to see their teachers again.
- There might be more stories at mat time and they might have to sit a little bit apart from other children.

Thanks for your help. We want to be able to support our community through this time and are looking forward to seeing your children. Please contact:

• Charmaine – 021 566 3338

• Norma – 027 449 2955

If you have any questions or concerns. We are all in this together.

Kia Kaha

Charmaine and Norma