

Hutt City Kindergartens

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Hutt City Kindergarten Association Prepares for Next Week's Opening

Hutt City Kindergarten Association say they're working hard to ensure their services are prepared for the move to Alert Level 3 next Tuesday morning.

Their kindergartens are preparing to open next Wednesday April 29th.

Association General Manager of Operations Charmaine Hakaraia says we are contacting our communities to give the government's message that if parents and care-givers can keep their children at home, then they should continue to do so.

"However, the key message from us, is that we are here for those parents and care-givers who have to work and can't leave their children at home or those that need their children to return now. We are all in this together and we see this as a positive way that we can contribute to our community."

Charmaine says we have been working closely with the Ministry of Education on strict health and safety measures that will provide a safe return for children to early childhood education.

"This is helping us work through the public health requirements that we need to meet. We want to reassure parents and care-givers that we want to keep our community and children and our staff as safe as possible. Overall the message is that we are here to support and look after our families and care for their children, that's what we want to do"

"We know how important it is for parents to feel safe and reassured about their child attending. We will be sending further information about what the day will look like, health and safety protocols, staffing and more. We know early childhood education is stepping up to further support families and communities to help New Zealand's long term recovery".

"Covid-19 has made it hard for many families and we know that some are struggling. Having children return to our services will help in these difficult times".

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