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Dear Parent / Guardian

I trust that the last few weeks have been peaceful and healthy ones for you. I know that this is a difficult time for many of us, and for our children, and I would like to express my gratitude to you all for your support of the school at this time. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, who have worked exceptionally hard to maintain a high level of support for our students.

Yesterday, the Government explained how the country, and schools, would operate when we move to Alert Level 3. As you know, our school is physically closed when we are at Level 4, as we are at the moment. We are hoping that we will move to Level 3 on Thursday 23rd April, so I am writing to let you know our plans over the next two weeks.

On **Monday 20th April**, Term 2 starts for Pinehurst students. This will be our full online experience, and will run in a very similar way to the way it ran before the holidays. Your child's teacher or teachers will be in contact before Monday to get things going again.

Also on **Monday 20th April**, the Prime Minister will announce whether New Zealand will move to Alert Level 3 on Thursday 23rd April. If the announcement is that we will be staying at Level 4, we will continue our online programme. If the announcement is that we are going to move to Level 3, we will be doing the following. **Please note that this is only if we move out of Level 4 on Thursday next week:**

1. On **Thursday 23rd April**, the school will be open to support staff, cleaners and children in Years 1 to 10 who cannot be looked after at home. We will be able to provide supervision for these students, but they will follow the online programme. Teachers will continue to deliver the online programme from home.
2. On **Friday 24th April**, the school will be open to all staff, and to children in Years 1 to 10 who cannot be looked after at home. We will be able to provide supervision for these students, but they will not be taught lessons. There will be no online programme on Friday because teachers will be in school preparing for the next week of school.
3. **Monday 27th April** is ANZAC Day. All schools are closed, and there will be no teaching.
4. From **Tuesday 28th April**, the school will be open to students in Years 1-10 whose parents who are unable to provide supervision for them at home. They will be taught a full programme in school. If students in Years 1 -10 remain at home, they will continue to be taught an online programme. Students in Years 11-13 will stay at home, where they will continue to be taught our online programme.

This means that Pinehurst School will continue to offer online learning to all students if we move to Level 3, but that students from Years 1 to 10 will be able to learn at school. The Government is encouraging all students to stay at home if they can be supervised, but we will be offering a full programme at school for these students. We will be offering only an online learning programme to students in Years 11 to 13 because the Government is not permitting us to teach these students on the school grounds.

We will, as you would expect, be running our school a little differently if we move to Level 3, and will have a number of measures in place to ensure that students are in small groups, and are kept healthy and safe. Please read carefully the attached document that explains everything about "Level 3" at Pinehurst.

Thank you again for your continued support for and commitment to our school. Please direct any questions or comments to Alex Reed at alex.reed@pinehurst.school.nz. He will be very happy to respond.

My very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



Peter Davies
Chairman of the Board of Governors