

20 April 2020

Good evening everyone

I hope you're all well and that the first day of Term 2 has started with plenty of interaction, engagement and even excitement!

I've attached a link to the letter from the Chairman of the Board of Governors at <https://www.pinehurst.school.nz/media/2171/letter-from-the-chairman-of-the-board-20-april-2020.pdf>. As you will understand, we have had to change our plans a little after the announcement from the Prime Minister this afternoon. Not a huge amount, but a couple of dates have changed.

In brief:

1. The school will be open to students in Years 1-10 from **Wednesday 29th April** (not Tuesday 28th April).
2. Uniforms can be ordered online from tomorrow, and will be available to be picked up from Tuesday 28th.
3. Nothing else is different to last week!

However, we do need your help as we make our plans this week. You will understand that we are very busy getting the School ready to receive students and staff. This means that we have to have even more careful health and safety arrangements, and that we need to make quite a few changes to the way the school operates physically. The details of this are on our website at https://www.pinehurst.school.nz/media/2170/alert-level-3-at-pinehurst-school_v2.pdf. This document will change a little as we make these final arrangements, but most of it will stay as it is now.

What we need to know is if you are **likely** to send your child to Pinehurst School from next week. This means that, at the moment, you are intending to send your child to the school because you need to do so. This is not a commitment, and if you say 'no' now but realise later that you need to send your child to us, that is fine. You are still able to do so. But we need to have a general idea of numbers for our planning.

So please send a brief email to me at Alex.reed@pinehurst.school.nz if you are planning to send your child to us from Wednesday next week. **Please send the email to me by 4 pm on Wednesday 22nd April.** This enables us to complete our planning on Thursday.

As usual, please ask me any and every question you can think of: I am very happy to answer them. Read the links in this email, and let me know if anything isn't clear.

It's an unusual time for all of us, but our community has shown how strong we are time after time this year, and I know that all our teachers and parents will continue to work together brilliantly in the interests of our young people.

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