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Good evening everyone

I am sure that you will now be aware that there has been some community transmission of COVID-19 in Auckland. It is limited to one family at the moment, but the Government is continuing to act very strongly to suppress the disease, so they have asked us to act extremely cautiously. I support this action, and I am glad that they are continuing to act in this manner.

What this means for us is:

- School will be closed to everyone apart from the children of essential workers tomorrow, Thursday and Friday. This means that the only children allowed in school will be those whose parents are essential workers, and who cannot be looked after at home.
- All co-curricular and other events are cancelled for the rest of this week.
- There will be no online school tomorrow, because teachers need time to come into school to collect equipment and prepare.
- We will be running online lessons from Thursday, and I will write home tomorrow with more details about this.
- **Everyone** who is in school and with other people will be required to wear a mask.

I know this is an unpleasant surprise for us all, and that many of our children will wake up tomorrow to this news. I also know, though, that we came through this before and will do so again. Our jobs are to be positive for our children and to come together as a community in the way that we always do.

Please bear with me if you have asked me questions and I haven't responded so far. I will get to you as soon as I can. And I will write with all the information that you need tomorrow.

If your child needs to come into school tomorrow, please write to me and let me know this evening. They should come to Reception, wearing a mask, before school tomorrow. If you do not have a mask, we will be able to provide one.

Kind regards
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