



Tuesday 24 March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Following the recent announcement by the New Zealand Government, we are implementing Covid-19 Level 3 which will move to Level 4 by the end of Wednesday 25th March. We appreciate this is a sudden and significant change, and will be heavily disruptive to many people in our community. **Schools are now closed for the next 4 weeks.**

- Term 1 now ENDS Friday 27th March 2020
- Monday 30 March – Tuesday 14 April is the two week holiday break
- **Term 2 STARTS Wednesday 15 April but we will all still be at home under Level 4 Alert.**

Teachers will use distance/online learning where possible and learning packs have also been provided for students as well. We have tried to get these packs home to you with your child but the suddenness of the increase to Level 4 means some packs are still at school. These will be available at the front desk till 3pm Wednesday. We will also try and deliver these to homes as well.

- If the Level 4 Alert continues into Term II we will continue with online learning/distancing learning.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher their email contact is now on our website. Please feel free to email any learning enquiries to your son/daughter's teacher and you can also email me jshearer@sehc.school.nz

Your child will be looking to you for guidance about what is happening. Parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers will have a particularly important part to play in reassuring children at this time. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to read the information put together by the Ministry of Education to support your conversations with your children – [Talking to children about COVID-19](#)

The main message for us is to stay calm and stay at home and help prevent the spread of the virus. We will continue to be in contact. I wish us all every peace and blessing in this challenging time.

Nga mihi,

John Shearer
Principal