

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the Prime Minister explained today, the government will announce on Monday when New Zealand is moving to Alert Level 2. At Alert Level 2, schools will reopen for students and staff to return. The Prime Minister said that schools will have one week to prepare for a return of students therefore if Alert Level 2 is declared on Monday May 11, the first possible day of onsite schooling will be Monday May 18.

The Senior Leadership Team are working through various scenarios as to how to safely manage the return of students and staff and are awaiting further guidance from the Ministry of Education which we expect to arrive over the coming days.

Next week, our online learning programme will continue as normal. Our small cohort of students of essential workers will also continue to attend school.

After we hear the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday regarding the timing of Alert Level 2 and finalise our arrangements for reopening, we will send out a community newsletter to share what reopening is going to look like. We expect this newsletter to go out in the middle of next week.

There will be no newsletter tomorrow.

Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to the reopening of St Thomas's School and the return of your children.

Kind Regards,

Michael