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## Re: COVID Update 2

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whaanau,

We hope the end of today finds you settled and at ease with developments. Yesterday's announcement came as a shock to many but we know we can get through this, especially if we look after each other.

Our initial priority as a school is on the well being of our students and their family and whaanau. Our teachers and staff are reaching out to you and the students through phone, email or other medium to check that you are ok. If you need anything please let us know.

Over the next few days we will turn our focus to preparing for learning. This will look slightly different depending on the needs of students. In the event of continued lock down we intend hard packs to be available to ensure a balance of online and paper copies. We are facing some difficulties due to the swift action taken by the government so our access to some resources is limited, including the fact that at this time, school is off limits to all staff, students and the community. However, more information will follow over the next day or two, including access to a dedicated school web page.

In lieu of this please be aware of some important information;

- Please keep an eye on our school facebook page, school website and our Skollbag app for updates
- Our school site, Whatawhata School is closed to staff, students and the public. This includes our playground.
- Please stay in your home bubble and only leave if essential. The Delta variant spreads easily in person and on surfaces.
- From tomorrow, Thursday 19th August, face coverings are mandatory when visiting essential business including supermarkets.
- Please maintain social distancing of 2m
- If you happen to have someone in your household who does test positive, please let us know A.S.A.P
- Please be aware of areas of interest that are published on the Ministry of Health website.
- If you are feeling unwell with flu like symptoms, please contact Healthline on 0800 358 5453 and seek advice.

We are all in this together. So please look after yourselves and be mindful of what is important and what you can control. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Ngaa mihi,

Rob Gunn  
Principal

