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COVID-19 Planning

Dear parents, caregivers, students and friends of the school. Tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

While the governments' bold measures regarding arrivals to New Zealand will support the slowing of COVID-19 in New Zealand, it is unrealistic to expect they will prevent further cases.

One of the things the Ministry of Education are working on is what will be needed to ensure students are able to continue learning should their school or kura be closed for a period of time due to COVID-19. They have done a bit of thinking in this area already but as part of their planning, they need to get a good idea of what support schools, their staff, students and whanau will need.

Over the next two days, we are asked to establish what we as a school will be able to do.

This involves answering the following questions:

1. Does your school or kura have the ability for teachers to provide online learning? Can they do that from home?
2. What are the main barriers to providing online learning?
3. How many of your students wouldn't be able to access a device to participate in online learning at home?
4. Could your school or kura provide devices for students to take home while the school or kura was closed if it was needed?
5. How many families do not have internet access at home?
6. Are there any other issues that you think we need to look at?

Today your child will come home with a survey seeking this information from your family. We would appreciate it if you could complete the survey tonight and get it back to your child's teacher tomorrow, Tuesday 17th March, 2020.

Events, Handshakes, Hongi and Hugging

You will have heard that the Government will be providing advice shortly on mass gatherings. We will disseminate that information as soon as we receive it.

The Prime Minister has also advised the nation that we should stop handshakes, hongis and hugging.

Regards



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