

ELLERSLIE SCHOOL - Alert Level 3

Monday 1st March, 2021 - Update



Kia ora koutou Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for supporting the school once again as we move into a full week of Alert Level 3. Day 1 is nearly over and from all accounts we had high engagement for most students.

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. The Ministries of Education and Health want to reiterate that it's important we follow the rules. If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the [Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'](#). Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

A reminder about Covid19 from the Ministry of Education

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability.

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so.

As the team at [All Right?](#) Say: *It's all right to feel over this right now* but we all know what to do, we have done this before and we will do it again, together.

Engaging in Home Learning

As we have all come to discover, learning at home for the students is very different than at school. One of the challenges is that every family context is different, meaning that each student's experience can vary. For your children to continue to progress and achieve in their learning it is essential that each day they engage with online home learning or with their home learning packs (if unable to access online learning). We understand how this looks, and will differ in each household. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's guardian teacher if you need more support with home learning.

Device Collection / Home Learning Packs

The school will be open at the below times for parents and caregivers to collect a device if needed for online home learning. **These can be collected from the school office** at the following times:

- **Tuesday 2nd March: 9:30am-11:00am**

Online Learning Resources

A range of teaching and learning resources and guidance can be found [here for English medium](#) and [here for Māori medium](#) provided by the Ministry of Education.

Home Learning TV can be [accessed on demand here](#) or via the TVNZ App on a device (mobile phone, smart tv or tablet). Mauri Reo Mauri Ora is also available on demand from Māori TV [for primary aged tamariki](#) and [here for secondary school rangatahi](#). You can find other resources [here](#) on the MoE website.

Student Support Services

The school understands that students react differently when these lock down situations arise. There are various support services available for whanau to connect with to ensure the wellbeing of our tamariki remains our number one priority. Guardian Teachers, Team Leaders and members of the Senior Leadership Team are all available as well as:

- School Guidance Counsellor- Rebecca Dam - rebeccad@ellerslie.school.nz
- Sarah Murphy - Learning Support Coordinator - sarahm@ellerslie.school.nz

Contact Information

For general enquiries:

1. Email the school office (office@ellerslie.school.nz).
2. Ring the school mobile phone: 021474899 (to speak to a member of the office staff).
This phone number will only be available during normal school hours from 8:50am to 2:45pm.
3. Updates are also available on the Ellerslie School website - www.ellerslie.school.nz.

For enquiries regarding online learning:

- Email your child/ren's Guardian Group teacher. Contacts are available on our website.

For any emergency or urgent concerns:

- Ring Ellerslie School Principal - Nick Butler: 021888262.

The school will continue to communicate with the community using our usual methods

- Email, school app, website and our Facebook page.

Nga mihi nui,

Nick Butler
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