

23 March 2020



**Ellerslie School**  
EST 1877

## **COVID-19 UPDATE - SCHOOL CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

As you will all be aware the Government has instructed all schools to close from Tuesday 24th March, 2020 for at least the next 4 weeks.

**Ellerslie School will remain open on Tuesday (24 March) and Wednesday (25 March) only for students of parents/caregivers who are working in essential services - (emergency services, doctors). School will be fully closed to all students from midnight, Wednesday 26th March.**

Please email [shereem@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:shereem@ellerslie.school.nz) if your child needs to be at school on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will be cared for by Ellerslie teachers during the normal school day.

### **School Contacts**

Parents and caregivers are able to contact the school while it is closed by the below means:

For general enquiries:

1. Email the school office ([office@ellerslie.school.nz](mailto:office@ellerslie.school.nz)).
2. Ring the school mobile phone: 021474899 (to speak to a member of the office staff).
3. Updates are also available on the Ellerslie School website - [www.ellerslie.school.nz](http://www.ellerslie.school.nz).

For enquiries regarding online learning:

1. Email your child/ren's Guardian Group teacher.

For any emergency or urgent concerns:

1. Ring Ellerslie School Principal - Nick Butler: 021888262.

### **Online Learning**

**Online learning will start from Thursday 26th March once the school is fully closed.**

We understand this is a stressful time for families and we recommend you get your child(ren) set up with a clear, daily routine that works for your household, so they can continue their learning, online.

From Thursday 26th March all staff will be working online, from home, ready to support the students in their Guardian Group. They will be online everyday, however their availability will depend on the needs of their own families and circumstances.

Further instructions regarding online learning will be sent to parents by the end of the day on Wednesday 26th March.

**Further information of the impact of Alert Level 4 is available on the government website <https://covid19.govt.nz/>**

Please understand that the school site is fully closed to all visitors from midnight on Wednesday 26th March until further notice. This means during after school hours and on the weekends.

We wish you and your families all the best and I know we can get through this challenging time.

Ngā mihi nui

Nick Butler  
Principal