



Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

**RE: COVID-19 response – Update 7**

Please note that the most recent updates are available on our [school website](#).

## LATEST UPDATES:

### **Government Announcement – School Closure (From Ministry of Education advice)**

With today's announcement by Government, we are implementing with urgency our plan to support your child's learning from home. We appreciate this is a sudden and significant change, and will be heavily disruptive to many people in our community.

For children of essential workers, we will provide supervision if needed. We have endeavoured to contact families in this situation this afternoon however, **if you are in the essential workers category and we have not contacted you and your child needs supervision please contact me urgently (preferably before 8.30pm this evening) at [principal@mkk.school.nz](mailto:principal@mkk.school.nz) or on 0275543271 to discuss.**

For all other children, we will be supporting their learning from your home in the following ways:

- through optional online learning
- provision of a learning pack and/or learning activities delivered via seesaw for the remainder of the week
- include how teachers will engage with them at home
- include how parents and caregivers can contact the school if there are any issues for their child

If you need to have your child cared for by someone else you will need to identify that person or people as part of your self-isolated group. This will need to be done by midnight Wednesday and the group must remain the same for the whole 4 week period. The caregiver's own group (eg, their partner and children), your child and your own group (eg, your parents and other children) become one group. This group needs to be limited to minimise any risk of spread and should be no more than 20 people

Your child will be looking to you for guidance about this decision. Parents, caregivers, whānau and teachers will have a particularly important part to play in reassuring children at this time. If you haven't already done so, you may wish to read the information put together by the Ministry of Education to support your conversations with your children – [Talking to children about COVID-19](#)

As noted by the Prime Minister these restrictions are our best chance to slow the virus in New Zealand and to save lives. We all have a clear role here to slow the spread of COVID-19.

We will continue to communicate with you over the coming days. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school staff and school community.

Regards,  
Phil Jones  
Principal