



Kia ora,

Government has kept with their cautious approach when responding to COVID-19, and as a result, we will stay at Alert Level 3 for a bit longer.

At full Alert Level 3 you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement, including going to work and going to school. We are therefore open once more on Monday for only the small number of children who need to attend. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means students will be kept in bubbles of no more than 10.

Our staff on-site will also have been tested for COVID-19 before they get back to work and we are moving toward having 100 percent of our staff vaccinated – so we are all playing our part in keeping our community safe.

You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home through our distance learning programme.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available. For those of you with no other option, we look forward to seeing your child at school next week. Please register your child at admin@sjs.school.nz

It is now legally required that we hold a COVID-19 vaccination register for all staff.

We are proud of how our community has responded to this outbreak, but the mahi isn't yet done. Please continue to follow all the alert level requirements including staying at home and getting tested for COVID-19 if you are feeling unwell, and for your own sake and for the health of your whānau, please get vaccinated. I have included some information about vaccinations to support decision making in this newsletter.

These are the very best things we can do to keep our community as safe as possible and get everyone back to school.

Ngā mihi,
Be safe, Be kind
Carolyn Massey
PRINCIPAL

SUPPORT

This is a challenging time for many families – high stress levels, children at home, cut off from family and friends.

If you or anyone you know wants some advice or support over this time here are some options that might be useful. Support services that remain open:

Womens Refuge 0800REFUGE

Shine 0508 744 633

Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 797

Oranga Tamariki call centre 0508FAMILY

CADS 09 845 1818

Narcotics Anonymous 0800 628 632

Alcoholics Anonymous 0800 229 6757

Lifeline 0800 543 354 or free text 4357

Youthline 0800 376 633

Samaritans 0800 726 666

Outline (LGBT) 0800 688 5463

Depression Helpline 0800 111 757

Suicide Prevention Helpline 0508 828 865

Work and Income services centres are closed, however you can apply for assistance via MyMSD or phone the contact centre on 0800 559 009.

If you need some assistance with food these food banks may be able to help out, ring first for instructions of how they are operating to ensure physical distancing:

Auckland City Mission, City 09 303 9200

Salvation Army Royal Oak 09 639 1103

Vinnies Auckland, Newton 09 815 6122 or 0800 6800

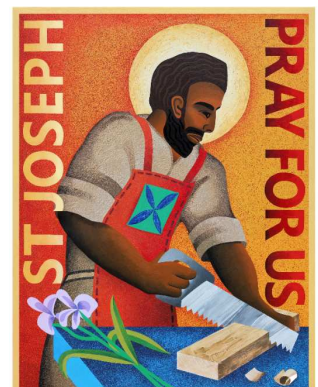
Hope Centre, New Lynn 02108048436

Vision West, Glen Eden (Mon, Wed, Fri only) 09 818 0716

**Be kind,
stay home,
save lives.**

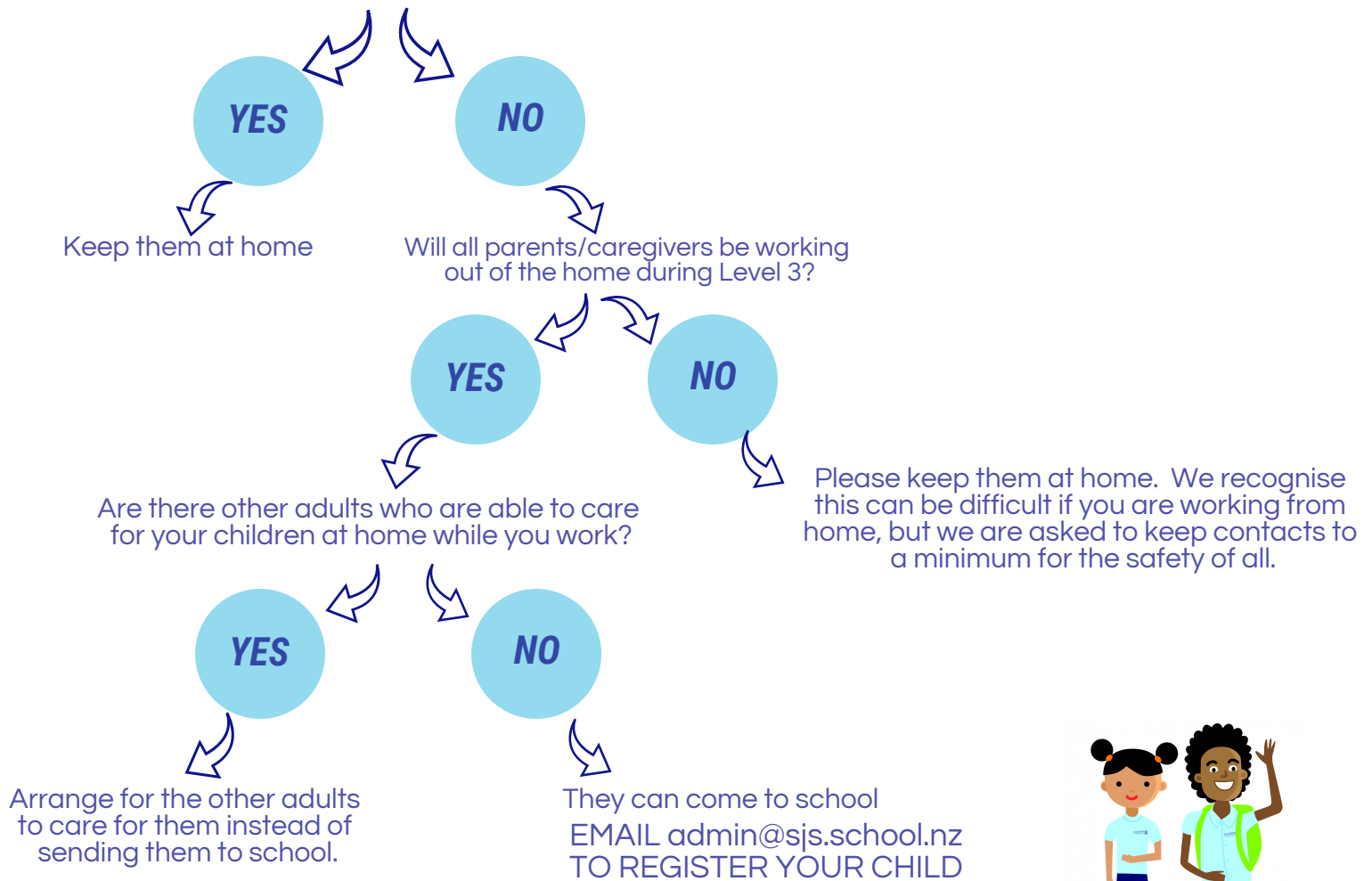


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CAN I SEND MY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AT ALERT LEVEL 3

WILL THERE BE A PARENT OR CAREGIVER AVAILABLE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME DURING LEVEL 3?



VACCINATION INFORMATION FOR NEW ZEALAND

The numbers

More than 5.7 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine have now been given in New Zealand and as at 7 October 2021:

- 53% are fully vaccinated (2 doses) = 2.2 million New Zealanders
- 81% have had their first dose = 3.4 million New Zealanders
- 86% of Aucklanders have had their first dose
- 61% of Aucklanders have had their second dose



As at 3 October 2021, 86% of Pacific Peoples and 90% of Māori aged 65 and over had received their first dose (compared with 93% of non-Māori and Non-Pacific) and our average daily numbers for Māori getting their first dose have increased by 68% in the last fortnight.

While the signs are really pleasing, clearly the job isn't done. Everyone who has had a first dose, needs to get their second.

For those who just haven't got around to it – don't wait for a case to be in your community before you take action. If you are part of the 20% of the people who have not yet had a vaccination, it is going to be super easy to get vaccinated on Super Saturday. Vaccine clinics will be open all over the country, all day and into the evening.

Walk-in and drive-through vaccination centres