



## Update to parents COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

Dear parents and caregivers  
Kia ora koutou

With all schools now closed we appreciate this is a sudden and significant change and will be heavily disruptive to many people in our community. 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.

### School holidays brought forward

School holidays are being brought forward so that they are completed within the 4 week period. Holidays will now begin from **Monday 30 March to Tuesday 14 April inclusive (a reminder that the Tuesday after Easter Monday is always a closed day for schools)**. Further announcements about moving forward will be made closer to the end of the holiday break.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		25 March School closes down Alert Level 4 Isolation period begins At 11.59pm	26 March School closed Learning from home programme	27 March School closed Learning from home programme	28 March Weekend in isolation	29 March Weekend in isolation
30 March School Holidays	31 March School Holidays	1 April School Holidays	2 April School Holidays	3 April School Holidays	4 April School Holidays	5 April School Holidays
6 April School Holidays	7 April School Holidays	8 April School Holidays	9 April School Holidays	10 April School Holidays	11 April School Holidays	12 April School Holidays
13 April Easter Monday Holiday	14 April Easter Tuesday Holiday	15 April Learning from home programme	16 April Learning from home programme	17 April Learning from home programme	18 April Weekend in isolation	19 April Weekend in isolation
20 April Learning from home programme	21 April Learning from home programme	22 April Learning from home programme	23 April School possibly restarts (TBA)	23 April School possibly restarts (TBA)	25 April ANZAC DAY	26 April

### Planning for Learning from Home

Learning can take many forms. We are all learning about how to deal with the current situation. It will be important to look after each other during the time at home. Get regular exercise both indoors and by getting out for a walk (only with people in your household). Household chores are a great learning opportunity!

Here is a link created by the Ministry of Education to help support parents with learning from home: <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/>

We have also attached a 'Learning from Home' page with ideas and log on information for you and your children to utilise for learning. This is also available on our Henley School website.

Please be mindful that our teachers are also dealing with their own families and dependants during this time.

### **Finally**

Your child will be looking to you for guidance about COVID-19. 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 <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

As we will be in shut down mode from Thursday and technically on holiday next week you will see the amount of communication from the school decline. Please keep up to date with developments across the country at <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school staff and school community. Look after yourselves and others around you.

Ngā mihi nui



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