



## Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Wairarapa

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Tēnā koutou e te whānau

With so much information and misinformation swirling around about COVID-19; and, given the announcement yesterday of a locally transmitted case of COVID-19 in Carterton, I wanted to update and share with you what will happen if we were to have a case in our immediate kura community. We have been planning for this and are in a position to respond quickly.

If a case is confirmed in our immediate kura community (eg. a student, staff member, or member of their household), the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform me about this, and we will work together to get quick and clear messaging out to you. We will likely be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced, appropriate testing to be undertaken, and a thorough and careful clean of our kura to be undertaken.

If kura does need to close temporarily, we have a plan in place to support the learning of your tamaiti / tamariki. More information about this will follow in the next few days. Please note that in the meantime we will remain open.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and of course we are all concerned for the wellbeing of our tamariki. Please be assured that we are doing everything in our power to ensure your tamariki are safe here. High standards of hygiene are a priority at our kura, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all tamariki and staff by encouraging frequent and thorough washing of hands; and disinfecting of all hard surfaces throughout the day. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our kura community. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this in more detail, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Ngā manaakitanga ki runga i a tātou katoa.

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Tumuaki