



# Marlborough

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

*With yesterday's announcement by the 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.*

**School holidays** have been brought forward and now start on Monday 30 March and end on Monday 13 April. That is when on-line learning will be available and teachers will be able to support and guide students.

*For children of essential workers, we look forward to seeing your child here at school today (Tuesday) and Wednesday. You may wish to check if you are considered an essential worker - <https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-system/> however those roles include doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers and police. We continue to ask that children who are not well, do not attend school.*

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

- *through online learning...*
- *provision of a learning pack for the remainder of the week*
- *teachers will engage with students at home by class dojo, or seesaw*
- *parents and caregivers can contact the school if there are any issues for their child via class dojo or seesaw dependent on what platform the class teacher uses*

*The Ministry of Education have a website <https://www.learningfromhome.govt.nz> where there is access to a variety of different programmes which are suitable for different aged children to learn from.*

*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.*

Together in Learning

*Sue Buckley*

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Principal