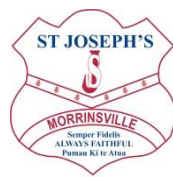


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Dear Families of our school,

We hope that you are safe and well in your bubble with your beloved family. As the Alert 4 lockdown continues for the next few weeks, we wanted to touch base to give you some information.

Term 2 begins Wednesday 15 April. The Ministry of Education have introduced distance/online learning. Schools will continue to be closed but teaching staff will work from home to support your child's learning. Online learning is different for each school as the school decides how to best meet the needs of the teacher, students and families. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to explain how online learning will work/look like for the class or hub.

Parents are not expected to replace their child's teacher. Our staff are the experts in the practice of teaching and learning, and these supports are intended to supplement and enable the learning programmes we are delivering to our students. Please make it work for you and for your sanity!

Let our teachers know what support you require and how we can best help meet the needs of your current situation.

The Ministry of Education have been working hard behind the scenes to provide extra resources to support online learning. Educational content will be available on television as of 15 April which will run from 9am to 3pm on school days on TVNZ2+1 and Sky channel 502. Some lessons will also be available on TVNZ On Demand. There is also a website <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> to support as well.

Our teachers have been in contact with you to check that your bubble has internet access and a device available to use for online learning. If your circumstances have changed, please contact the class teacher via seesaw/email or email principal@stjoes.school.nz.

We will continue to use seesaw to connect with teachers and our school app and facebook for sharing school information. Please go to our website www.stjoes.school.nz for instructions to upload this communication if you have not done so.

On behalf of our school, we wish you a very Happy Easter.
God bless you and your families,

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui,

Andrea Colebourn
Principal

Public Service Announcement

Parents: What we are being asked to do is not humanly possible. There is a reason we are either a working parent, a stay-at-home parent, or a part-time working parent.

Working, parenting, and teaching are three different jobs that cannot be done at the same time.

It's not hard because you are doing it wrong. It's hard because it's too much.

Do the best you can.