

St Mary's Catholic School

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Goodness and Wisdom through a Christ -Centred life



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Following our update on Thursday we have had further developments. Yesterday the Prime Minister announced the National Alert Levels.

We are at Alert Level 2. Staff, children and young people in schools are therefore asked to follow the guidelines for Alert Level 2.

We need to make sure that children who fall into the high risk category stay away from school. These children are known to the school and any children who have any of the following conditions **should stay at home**.

- a compromised immune system
- liver disease
- cancer
- kidney disease
- heart disease
- diabetes mellitus

In addition to this, we ask that anyone with severe asthma also stay at home and those with mild asthma to seek advice from their doctor.

Further information is available at:

- <https://covid19.govt.nz/help-and-advice/for-everyone/vulnerable-people/>
- <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-questions-and-answers>

The school will contact parents of these children early next week to check in. If you have not informed the school of any of the conditions above please notify us at stmarysoffice@stmarysavondale.school.nz

Continuing learning

Our teachers are working hard to put together both online and offline learning suggestions should our school close.

Knowing where our children are

We need to know quickly where our children are each day. Please use the email or phone (09 828 5599) the office by 9.30am if your child is going to be away – you can imagine how busy it is in our office. Please help us by following the process.

Drop off and Collection Times

We love having our parents and caregivers around – however under a Level 2 Alert we need you all to drop off and collect your children quickly. This is incredibly important especially at the end of the day, please do not hang around.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Be kind, take care and look out for each other.

Ngā mihi

Kathryn Hira
Tumuaki | Principal