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Dear Parent / Guardian

Preparing for Level 2

I hope you and your family are well, and that Pinehurst School's online programme is continuing to support and challenge your child or children. If your child has been in school during Level 3, I hope that they have enjoyed what I understand has been an active, vibrant programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those parents who have written to the School to commend the teachers on their hard work: your words are greatly appreciated, and I know that our teachers are grateful for them. I would also like to thank once again the whole of our dedicated staff for their commitment to our students.

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has now let us know what Level 2 will look like for New Zealand. I am delighted that Level 2 will mean that Pinehurst School can open to all students. We do not yet know whether we will be moving to Level 2 next week, but I think it is important to let you know what our plans are.

If we are told on Monday that we are moving to Level 2 on Wednesday 13th May, we will do the following:

- Our online learning will continue on Monday 11th May and Tuesday 12th May. Students who are already learning on the school site at Level 3, will be able to continue to learn on the school site.
- Wednesday 13th May will be a teacher-only day. **There will be no on-site or online learning on this day.** We need this day to ensure that all staff are ready to start teaching the next day.
- **School will be open for all students from Thursday 14th May.** They are all expected to attend, and **there will be no further online learning provided.** There will be a full school timetable running for all students.

I am aware that other schools will not open until the following week but, as a private school, we are deciding to open as soon as we are ready because we believe that it is better for our students to be in school as soon as possible.

As you will be aware, the School has taken additional precautions to ensure students' health and safety since January, and we are committed to continuing our very cautious approach. This means that we will be continuing our additional hygiene measures, and we will be arranging school life a little differently while we are at Level 2. This includes temperature checks, some slightly different start and finish times, and some re-rooming and 'zoning' of the school to ensure that students have contact with fewer students than usual. **Alex Reed will be writing separately to explain how this will work in more detail.** Please feel free to write to Alex at alex.reed@pinehurst.school.nz at any stage if you have any questions or comments.

Of course, this is all dependent on whether we move to Level 2 on Wednesday next week. If this does not happen, I will write again to confirm the new dates. It is, however, likely that we will follow the same approach, and that the first day of Level 2 will be a teacher-only day, with school starting on the next weekday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter" with a horizontal line underneath.

Peter Davies
Chairman of the Board of Governors