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Good morning everyone

I'm going to apologise in advance for the number of today's messages. There will be a newsletter this afternoon, and I will write again this evening after the 5.30 pm announcement from the Prime Minister.

I need, though, to quickly write to you about the reported case of Covid-19 at Glamorgan Primary School. I have had a number of questions about this, so I thought it best to write to everyone.

In brief:

There has been one case of Covid-19 reported in a child at Glamorgan Primary. As you know, the Government is very careful to ensure that we do not reveal too many details about families where there is an infection. This is mainly because some families have been treated badly by other people when their details have been discovered. I expect a few more details about the case to be released in the 1 pm press conference, but there will not be details that allow the child to be identified..

I know some parents are concerned about links between our school and Glamorgan Primary. There will be many links between our schools, just as there are many links with all other schools in the area. You will remember that there were cases in North Shore schools in March: we had a number of connections with those schools too. This is completely normal. We are a school community, and we are a North Shore community.

**Because we are already at Level 3, we should already be taking the precautions we need to take. This means that, unless you are an essential worker or the child of an essential worker, you should be at home, and you should only be coming out of your home bubble if you are accessing essential services. If you have any symptoms, you should arrange to take a test. If you have no symptoms, you do not need to do this.**

The Covid-19 site - <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/alert-system/auckland/> - is the best place for clear instructions on what you should be doing.

I will let you know if there is any more public information about cases on the North Shore. In the meantime, I hope our online learning goes well today. A reminder that you should only come onto site to collect books or equipment if necessary, and that you must sign in at Reception and wear a mask.

As ever, please just ask me if you have any questions.

Kind regards  
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