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Good evening everyone

I'm very sorry to have to write home tonight with such bad news, but you will have heard by now that Auckland is going into Level 3 lockdown with effect from midnight tonight. This is in response to the new community outbreak of three cases in South Auckland. It is a precautionary response, and we are hoping that the lockdown will be quick and that this will give the Government time to put measures in place.

This means that school will be closed to all students Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The only students who may come to school are those who cannot be looked after at home because their parents are essential workers. If you have children who need to be at school, you should contact me as soon as possible this evening. We will make arrangements for their safe care at school.

Unfortunately, this also means that the Year 7 camp will not be going ahead. We will see if we are able to reschedule this later in the year. I will write tomorrow about the other events that are planned for this week.

We will, therefore be moving to remote learning tomorrow afternoon. In the morning, staff will be able to come to school to collect resources and to prepare to move to online learning. They will be physically distancing and wearing masks when they are in school and near other people, observing all our usual precautions.

From 1.30 pm tomorrow, your child will need to be able to access online learning. This means that he or she will need to have access to a computer, and to be able to log into Microsoft Teams in the way we did it last year. Your teacher or teachers will give you more information about this tonight or tomorrow morning. Please don't worry if you are not able to make this happen immediately: we will be ready, but we know that some families will need a little longer to prepare.

Please do ask if you have any questions at all - we are all very happy to answer, and we know that our whole community will be able to make this work, just as we did last year.

I'll write again in the morning. My very best wishes

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