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Dear Parents, Whānau, Staff and Students

This afternoon the Government has announced that New Zealand will move to Phase 3 of the Omicron response at midnight tonight.

One of the changes this brings about is that anyone who is currently deemed a close contact and is part way through their isolation can come out of that isolation effective from tomorrow.

This means that all of those students who were close contacts at school and are currently partway through their isolation, including all of our students who were on KK8 on Monday morning 21 February, will now be able to return to school from tomorrow, provided they are feeling well.

In Phase 3 if you test positive for COVID-19, you will need to isolate for 10 days. And in Phase 3, Close Contacts no longer need to isolate — unless they have symptoms. If you get a notification from your workplace, school or through the NZ COVID Tracer App that you are a Close Contact, you should monitor your symptoms for 10 days.

If you live with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you are considered a Household Contact and will need to isolate for 10 days. You must get a test on Day 3 and Day 10 of your isolation. If you develop symptoms, you should get a test sooner. If you are a Household Contact and you test positive, you will need to isolate for 10 days.

We are expecting more detail to be shared with schools over the next day or so about Phase 3 and we will continue to keep you informed as we learn more. For now, once again thank you everyone for your understanding and encouragement as we work our way through these changes and updates.

Ngā mihi nui, warm regards

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