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Dear GBS Parents/Caregivers

Home Learning Kindness

Over this last week of lockdown, I have received some positive emails from parents/caregivers showing their support of our school and the teaching/learning that is currently happening. Thank you for your support, this is truly appreciated.

Being in lockdown Alert Level 4 means home learning has been at work now for all of New Zealand for a week, and with the majority of our own GBS families having more than one child at home trying to do on-line learning, we certainly appreciate the task at hand for all parents/caregivers to take on the role as teacher (and IT expert); to not only supervise, assist and participate with this on-line learning but to also possibly, have the need to work from home at the same time. This can be a huge amount of stress for the family as a whole. So please be kind to yourselves and know that we do not expect any more from you, than what you can already do, to make home learning possible for your whānau. A reminder also, that most of our own teachers have school-aged children, therefore they are also juggling a dual role to their own children in their own learning and also providing learning opportunities for our classrooms. **We are all in this together.**

My advice to our families is to take advantage of this new way of learning, there are quite a few options on offer; the Ministry of Education's [Learning from Home](#) website, [Home Learning TV](#) (from 9am-1pm week days), our own on-line resources, and of course Zoom activities with the classroom/teacher.

While we have set many on-line activities for our students, some of them may not be able to complete these tasks, so please just pick and choose what works for you/them. There are other ways to make education fun for our young students, encourage them to do activities that they are comfortable with like art, cooking, writing a diary, alone-time reading, drawing and colouring for fun, puzzles etc., to not only encourage their interests but at the same time, sustaining well-being for them, and yourself.

My previous emails also provide contact numbers/details for many services available throughout Auckland; how to access support for family, food, health and wellbeing. Please use these services if you need them. And if not for you, please onforward to anyone who needs them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say **thank you** to our Essential Workers for doing a great (and sometimes thankless) job in looking after us all. They and their families and whānau are sacrificing so much to contribute to our own safety. Take care of yourselves, it is appreciated.

As Dr Bloomfield said today, "the virus is the problem, not the people".

Let us all be kind to one another, stay at home and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

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