

12 October 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Government has kept with their cautious approach when responding to COVID-19 and as a result, we will stay at Alert Level 3 for a week longer at this stage. When Term 4 commences on Monday we will continue to support all children with their learning from home through our distance learning programme.

Here is some key information you should be aware of:

- 1 Schools will **not reopen** on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. For the start of Term 4, Alert Level 3 rules apply. Our school essentially remains closed with the exception of those few children whose parents work away from home and who cannot arrange suitable supervision. Please email [admin@ni.school.nz](mailto:admin@ni.school.nz) by midday this Friday if you need to register your child for supervision.
- 2 At this stage all school staff are required to have returned a negative COVID-19 test result before they can return to working on site, regardless of their vaccination status. For the remainder of the year all non-vaccinated staff are required to have weekly tests.
- 3 All teaching and support staff will need to be vaccinated by 1 January 2022. Non-vaccinated staff will be required to have their first dose by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

I know this is challenging and not ideal. I'm really proud of how our Northcote Intermediate School community has responded to this outbreak. Please continue to follow all the alert level requirements including staying at home and getting tested for COVID-19 if you or any of your family are feeling unwell. Here is some information about vaccinations from the Ministry of Health for you:

[information about vaccinations](#)

Please – if you or anyone you know feels unwell – contact your Doctor or Healthline to seek advice about getting tested.

I am sure many of you will have questions. As information comes through, I will forward it on. In the meantime, rest assured we will be working to keep our community safe, supported and learning as best we can.

Take care and kind regards,

Phil

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Muir', written in a cursive style.

Phil Muir

Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School