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Dear parents and caregivers,

School has opened today only for those children of essential workers and those who are unable to work from home. We are pleased to be able to support our families who need us.

We know that the current situation is one of changing plans and situations. We also understand that the circumstances of one or two other families may change as more businesses open, meaning some others may need to leave their family bubble and go into work.

In order to safely accommodate more children in our school we ask for **48 hours notice** if you have to change your plans and therefore send your child into school while we are under Covid Level 3 restrictions. We need this time to ensure we meet the extremely high standards of health and safety, including cleaning and setting up a new space, to meet Ministry of Education guidelines, and also to organise the required ratios of staff to be on site. This time frame allows us to protect your child, the children onsite and the teachers. Once you have notified us of your child returning to school, you will receive an email with key information with regards to returning to school, e.g. staggered start and finish times, entrance gate to use and the room.

Just a reminder that our site remains closed for everyone other than those children attending school at the moment. All the playgrounds, the field and court areas also remain closed under Covid Level 3 restrictions.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of our school. Stay safe and look after yourselves and your families.

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