



# *Pukekohe North School*

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## **Coronavirus Update No. 5 – Wednesday 1 April 2020:**

Kia Ora Whanau,

I am wishing to update you on developments with your child's education during the school lock down.

The lockdown period has been now extended by a week and I am expecting that after the next two weeks of 'School Holidays', School will recommence on 15 April in an on line format.

The Ministry of Education is working hard behind the scenes to provide devices and internet access to some 70,000 students across New Zealand including our pupils.

For those whanau who can access the internet, we are urging you to monitor students' digital time. This includes:

- reviewing and approving games and apps before they are downloaded
- check the sites your child is accessing
- reminding children that anything that is posted online will be permanently on the internet
- taking the time to understand what sites they are visiting and who they are talking with and check in regularly
- some social media sites have age restrictions to join, check these before letting your child use them or join them
- monitoring a child's use of the internet and consider having them use it in an open, common area of the house
- making sure your children know to report any activity they don't feel comfortable with to parents and caregivers straight away.