



He Whānau Manaaki o Tararua
Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated

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Current alert level: Level 3

He Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens – COVID-19 FAQ's #5

Questions relating to Whānau:

Q48:	What if we are putting pressure on our parents & whānau by putting in place <i>Te Whāriki Akoranga</i> ?
A:	There should be no pressure put on parents and whānau to participate in the distance programme. That's why it's important that you gauge from your parents and whānau what they want from a distance learning programme. You then design the programme around that (keeping in mind our curriculum is based on play).

Questions relating to process:

Q49:	What systems and processes will be in place for when we move from Covid-19 Level 3 to Covid-19 Level 2?
A:	We are in the process of working through what this may look like and preparing accordingly. We will keep you informed of our plan.
Q50:	Will the online curriculum extend to Level 2?
A:	This will depend on what decisions we make over the coming week. We certainly need to consider how children will transition back to physically attending kindergarten and what that will look like.
Q51:	There are some families who would have enrolled their children at kindergarten/Etu Ao if the lockdown hadn't happened - can they still enrol?
A:	Yes they can, and how they participate (physically or by distance) needs to be determined on a case-by-case basis with your Senior Teacher.
Q52:	There are also some children who turned 5 just before, during or shortly after the lockdown who have had no school transition. Are they able to return back to their kindergartens when all this is over so they can have a good transition to school?
A:	Yes they can
Q53:	If a kindergarten has no children enrolled for 2 days a week (or no-one turns up), can they choose not to physically open for that/those days and put up a sign and messages etc?
A:	Yes they can. They could just modify the notice that went out for kindergartens who had no children physically attending.
Q54:	One of my teams is keen to order some more resources to make up packs for Whānau – how do we do that?
A:	You can order more resources using the same ordering method as you normally would.



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	The resource packs don't have to be distributed every day – just come up with a system you as a team can manage. Also, there may be whānau that don't need them. It's about you being responsive to your whānau.
Q55:	Is the Ministry of Education sending out education resource packs to whanau?
A:	They are in the process of distributing a second batch. The actual supplies weren't available for the numbers of children, so they've had to do them in tranches. This doesn't mean all kindergartens that receive Targeted Funding will get them. You will be emailed by the Ministry if you do.
Q56:	What if I want more information around Storypark and Zoom – tips, etc?
A:	There are guides and videos being put onto the Storypark Toolbox every day. Keep checking them out.
Q57:	Should teams practice social distancing?
A:	It is important that teams practice social distancing between team members where possible. It's about minimising physical contact where you can.