



# Allenton School

Together we learn and grow

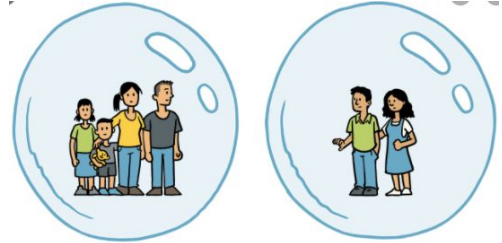
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14 April 2020

Welcome back to a start of term unlike any other!

We all hope that you and those in your bubble are staying home, being kind and staying safe. We also hope that you have been able to spend some quality time together and make the most of the different pace of 'lockdown life'.



Term 2 officially begins tomorrow. At this stage we are not sure when we will be able to be together on site at school - the original Level 4 restrictions are due to be lifted on Thursday 23 April but what this will look like, we still do not know. So in the interim we encourage you and your children to be engaging in Home Learning.

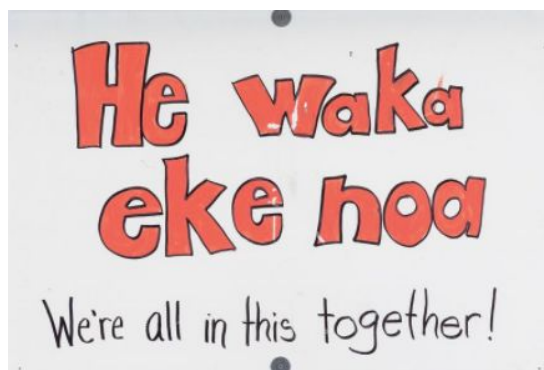
As communicated with you at the beginning of Level 4 restrictions, we are not asking parents to 'home-school' their children. We are not asking you to replicate the school environment with curriculum instruction at home or to reconfigure your home to have an area set up to be a classroom. Modern education is not what we experienced as kids. Whilst we will provide you with some resources that we use at school which you can also use at home, the best that you can do is to do things with them that will build important life skills and reassure them that everything will be ok in time. You are their parents and family members first, NOT their classroom teachers. Whatever happens, we will make sure your child has the tools they need to succeed in school when the time comes.

Lots of learning activities in the classroom already occur through our class weebly sites or through Google Classroom (your child will know which their class uses). Senior Area teachers will be 'posting' work through these sites for you and your child to engage with. Remember, these are suggestions of what you and your child could do. You can do as much or as little as you are able to - we encourage you to do things together that enhance cooperation and relationships between family members and do the things that you know will have the best outcomes given the day and the other things that are going on. Remember that the **process is often more important than the product** in learning situations!

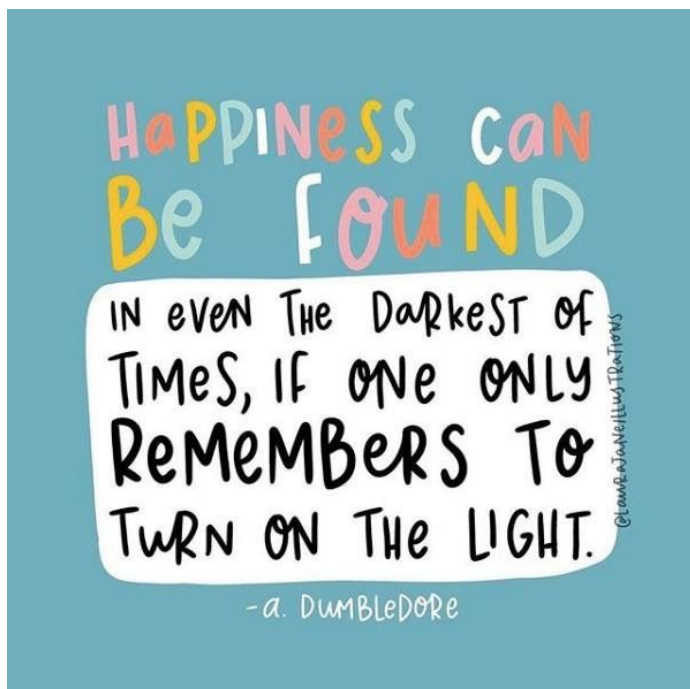
Your child's teacher may also arrange a Google Hangout Meet for your child to be a part of. This will be a chance for the children and teachers to touch base and catch up on what each other has been doing. Details of these Hangout Meets will be sent to your child's school email address so that privacy can be maintained. We strongly encourage you to ask your child to show you how they log in to their Google account and their digital work. If they have forgotten or are unsure, details on how to do this from a computer or mobile device can be found here <http://room2-allenton-2020-homelearning.weebly.com/> (you will need to scroll down the page). If you are still unable to access your child's Google account, please email your child's teacher (details for each teacher are below).

Children from all classes are still able to access Learning Links and resources through the Room 2 weebly <http://room2-allenton-2020.weebly.com/> alongside resources in Google Classroom or on their class weebly.

If you have any questions or concerns please make contact with your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. Remember,



This is new for everyone, and whilst the situation may not be ideal, we will all get through this together.



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