

14th April 2020

**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week we begin distance learning with our students beginning on Wednesday the 15th of April. Conifer Grove School is committed to providing learning for our students during this lockdown period and we will develop and evolve our practices if this continues beyond four weeks. If your home requires a device and you have not already communicated this, please email [admin@cgschool.ac.nz](mailto:admin@cgschool.ac.nz) and we will add your child's name to the school's list.

We know that the concept of working from home is new to a lot of our whanau, as it is with our teaching staff. We understand that every home situation is different and our priority for all our homes is that we are looking after the well-being and safety of our whanau/families. As we journey into distance learning, we acknowledge that learning will look different from regular classroom practices.

Online sessions are designed for students and parents to communicate with the classroom teacher with any questions and queries about set work. These are not a conference call but rather times the teacher has set aside to be available online, through Google Classroom, Dojo or email, to answer any queries. We ask that you also understand that many of our staff are also at home looking after their own families and that questions and queries might not be immediately answered. Staff will look to communicate back to your queries at the nearest convenient time.

If distance-learning is going to continue on longer than two weeks, we will be sending out a survey to assist us to cater to the needs of our community. We hope you are all safe and well and that you are enjoying this quality time with your families.

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Conifer Grove School - Leadership Team