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To Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Staff

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of September the Minister of Education made an announcement in relation to the Education Renewal for the greater Christchurch Area. In relation to this announcement we can confirm the following information:

The extent of damage to early childhood education centres, schools and tertiary facilities, and the ensuing relocation of people, means the education network cannot be returned to its previous state. It can be renewed to meet the changing community needs and embrace opportunity and innovation to achieve better educational outcomes.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education has worked with geotechnical and structural engineers to assess the state of land and buildings on school sites across greater Christchurch.

This, along with information around roll change has been instrumental in informing their thinking around the potential future shape of education within learning community clusters across this network.

**The proposal for our school, based on the information currently available to the Ministry of Education, is that the school will continue, and the school buildings and infrastructure damaged by the earthquakes will be repaired to prepare for anticipated growth.**

It is important to understand, however, that NO final decisions have yet been made. We will be meeting with our neighbouring schools who also sit in our learning community cluster to discuss the proposal as part of the development of a learning community cluster plan that will inform future decision-making.

We will continue to update you as more information comes to hand.

You can find more details around the approach to renewal and information relating to our cluster on the shaping education website

<http://shapingeducation.minedu.govt.nz/guiding-the-process-of-renewal>

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