

# *The world around us...*

*My dear little friends,  
I am writing to you from home, where we all probably  
are at this point. There is so much going on around the  
world right now and I hope you're all safe and sound  
at home with your whanau. This year, 2020, started  
with a big change for a lot of us. By change, I mean  
in lifestyle, habits, routine, etc... But for you my little  
ones, it just means that you get to spend time home with  
whanau and loved ones for a few weeks. You might not  
get the chance to go out at the park or the playground,  
maybe not even to Day care, but you have the  
opportunity to stay home surrounded by family and  
adults who will take care of you and protect you from  
any harm.*

*At this stage, I don't know how long is it going to be  
before we can meet again and have fun playing outside,  
experimenting or exploring new concepts, but rest assured  
that it will soon be!*

*You must be wondering what are my kaiako going on about?*

*Without giving too many details, there is something going on in the world which is called a "pandemic". Let's put it that way; there are some people who are sick. You know when you're sick you have to stay home, get plenty of rest, stay cosy and warm in order to get better. Now imagine that the people who are sick didn't do this, instead they travelled from country to country and made more people sick. This is what a pandemic is and this is why we are currently staying home, to avoid getting sick and passing it on to others. For some of you, it might not be a good enough reason to stay home for all this time just to avoid getting sick. Which I totally agree with you, however, keeping you safe and healthy being your whanau and kaiako's duty, it is necessary that for this time we all stay home, comfy and safe.*

*One day you'll be at school or maybe uni and you might decide to read your old portfolio and realize what your little age lived through. Until then, you'll understand the concept of an pandemic and its drastic measures.*

*For now, enjoy this time home with mum and dad, sister and brother and use this time to talk about your achievements at day care, what you like to do, who you like to play with, who you'll miss during this time away, what do you learn, etc... It is the perfect moment to show all your "super powers" and your many talents to whanau, they will be so proud of you. Your kaiako are so proud of you each and every day.*

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KAHA**