

17th February 2021



Alert level update – Level 2

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

We have made it through our first Level 3 lockdown of the year and we look forward to having our students back to school tomorrow under Alert Level 2. There are a lot of factors for us to consider and we are all aware that what works well for one student may not be the best solution for another student. We will be flexible in our move back to regular teaching and learning and want to work alongside families to continue our school vision of providing a quality education in a caring environment.

School resumes on Thursday 17th February and school hours continue to be 8.40am – 3.00pm each day. Tomorrow we will begin subject teaching.

To ensure we can keep our contact tracing register accurate, parents need to drop students off and pick students up from OUTSIDE the school grounds. If you need to pick up your child during the day, you will need to come into the office and sign them out as per usual.

School buses will be running as usual, they will not be accepting cash fares, please ensure your child has a HOP card and for contact tracing purposes please ensure it is registered. Masks for our students are optional.

Your child's health is a priority. We will be taking social distancing measures seriously and will have hand sanitiser throughout the school. Our cleaners are taking additional measures to disinfect all handles, surfaces and fixed equipment. As we move through the levels of restrictions we thought we'd remind you and your children of a few things that make coming to school at Level 2 slightly different. The significant changes for our school is as follows:

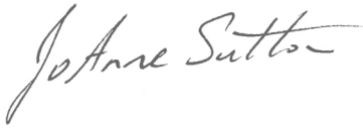
- Children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1m should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- If your child is unwell, please keep them home with you until they are better. All students who are unwell will be sent home.
- Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands are provided in bathrooms.
- Where practicable we will ensure that children regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds, but hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment and will be sanitised where appropriate.
- For hygiene reasons our water fountains are closed off. Please make sure you send your children to school with a refillable water bottle.
- If you need to visit the school, please make sure you stop in at the office first and sign in for our contact tracing register. We will also ask you to maintain a 1-2m distance from others.
- Please ensure any visits to the school are for essential purposes. We are trying to limit our school bubble, so please let your children travel on their own to and from school.

- There are no restrictions currently on the number of students inside or outside at one time during school hours, however our Leadership team has made the decision to suspend any assemblies or mass gatherings inside our facilities at this time.

As always, one of the positive aspects of lockdown has been the increased communication between home room teachers and families. We want to continue these strong home / school partnerships and urge you to keep in regular contact with your child's homeroom teacher.

Please keep checking our website for any updates. Stay well and we look forward to having your children back at school and ready for face to face learning. If we all work together we can help limit and prevent the spread of Covid-19. For more information please visit the Ministry of Education website, www.education.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi nui



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