

Kia ora Koutou

Our school will open on 29 April for the children of essential workers and workers required to start work again under Level 3 and who do not have supervision for their children.

I have endeavoured to list some of the practices which children and staff attending school will be required to follow as well as parents visiting the school at any time. This list is not exhaustive and could be added to as more information becomes available.

We have used guidelines of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to provide a list of safe practices for when school opens in order to keep our children safe.

- Only the children of essential workers and those returning to work may return to school after informing the school first if there is no one at home to look after them.
- The only school gates to be used are those at the front of the school on Jubilee Avenue.
- Children are to arrive at school each day at 8.50am and go straight to their designated classroom.
- Children must be dropped off at school and picked up by an adult each day.
- No children will be allowed to walk to and from school by themselves.
- Parents may not visit their child's classroom under Level 3
- Parents or visitors to the school must first contact the office before accessing the school.
- Parents and visitors must first report to the school office to sign in with full contact details once access has been granted and return to the office to sign out and use the hand sanitiser there.
- When at school, children must practice social distancing of 2 metres outside of the classroom and 1 metre inside the classroom.
- When at school, staff and students must stay within their own bubbles of no more than 10 children.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided in each classroom/bubble
- All children must be wearing their full school uniform when attending school.
- Each child attending school must bring their own morning tea and lunch to school as well as a named water bottle as the drinking fountains are still switched off.
- Children will not be permitted to play with school sports gear or to play on the adventure playgrounds.
- Outside play will be required to follow the social distancing of 1metre apart.
- Children will be required to wash their hands at the end of each break and use hand sanitiser
- Children in different bubbles will have staggered outside play and lunch times and bells will be adjusted accordingly.
- The school will be cleaned daily and hard surfaces sanitised and all staff and children will be required to follow all Ministry of Health guidelines.
- All practices regarding our behaviour policies will apply during this time.
- Parents of any child who compromises the safety of others at school will be contacted immediately.
- All children who remain at home will continue to be encouraged to follow the online learning programme or to complete learning packs as supplied.
- All children who come to school during Level 3 will follow the same on line programme as those who are working at home.
- Children who show any sign of being ill must stay at home and seek medical help. If they become ill at school parents will be required to pick them up immediately.
- Anyone who is immune compromised or have respiratory complaints in any way must not attend school under Alert Level 3

I hope this helps to provide a greater understanding for parents of the requirements and safety measures which will be in place for all children who will be returning to school.

Ngaa mihi nui

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