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Kia ora koutou

It was fantastic to be able to welcome so many of our children back to school last week. We had 77.5% of our children back at school last week and I know that this figure will grow to in excess of 80% this week with many families indicating that their children will be returning to school.

We are so pleased that we will have most of our children back at school so that we can get back to a “relatively normal” programme. Our children were so excited to see each other and picked up friendships where they left off with ease. After a day or two it was as if they had never been away from school.

As we are still operating at Level 2 we are still required to ensure that we have the appropriate procedures in place to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff on site.

Thank you to all of our parents for your understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters of Covid 19 together.

Children will once again be welcomed at the gates in the mornings by teachers this week and parents are once again asked to pick their children up at the end of the day in the car park on Jubilee Avenue at the front of the school or outside the gates in Emma Street.

If you need to visit the school office we ask that, where possible, you phone ahead. On arrival at school you will need to report to the school office and sanitise your hands and sign in and out when you are finished. Parents are still not permitted in the classes.

These measures help to keep children safe and to help with contact tracing. We hope that over the next few weeks that some of these measures will be relaxed.

If it is raining at the end of the school day this week then children will wait under the covered walkway at Gate four on the end of Hub 1 closest to the school pool. They will be supervised by teachers to prevent them running across the carpark between the cars. Parents will be able to stop right next to the little shelter in the circle and pick up their child/ren and drive off. This process might take a little longer if it is raining (as is predicted) so we ask that you remain patient and support us as we ensure children get to the cars safely.

Ngaa mihi nui

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