

ALERT LEVEL 1 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Kia ora koutou

It is awesome news that we are moving to alert level 1 from midnight tonight. Thank you for your support and for your patience as we navigated through the alert levels together. As a school we are so appreciative of this.

This newsletter is to inform you of the changes that will take place at our school from tomorrow morning.

1. Children will no longer be required to sanitise their hands on entering the school grounds.
2. Sanitiser will still be available in the classrooms and children will still be encouraged to use it and also to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. This good practice will be maintained at our school.
3. Parents are, once again, welcome to bring their children into the school grounds and to accompany them to the classroom door if it is after 8.30am.
4. Children will gather in the quad in front of the office if they arrive before 8.30am and wait for the bell to ring before going to their classroom.
5. Children who have coughs and colds are asked to stay home. We do not want this to be spread to other children and staff at our school.
6. At the end of the school day parents can come into the school grounds to pick up their children and wait outside of the classroom until the bell has rung at 2.55pm. If you are using the car park at the front of the school on Whitaker Street/Centennial Ave we ask that you enter and leave from Gate 4 next to the swimming pool. This will ensure the safety of everyone.
7. Children needing to use the road patrol crossing must leave from Gate 1 next to the bike shed.
8. Children walking up Centennial Avenue (not on the Dairy side of the road) must leave through Gate 4 as well.
9. We are, once again, able to have whole school assemblies and large gatherings at our school.
10. Sport will be able to be normalised and take place as usual at school and at clubs.
11. Parents are able to meet with teachers face to face.
12. We will continue to sanitise hard surfaces in the classrooms on a regular basis.

Please be reminded that if for some reason someone in our school does catch Covid 19 in the future, our school will be forced to close while contact tracing is undertaken.

Although the risk has been minimised and we have no cases at present, it does not mean that we have beaten Covid 19. We could have cases that do pop up in the future. So we all need to be vigilant.

Some of the rules for level one are found below.

The golden rules of alert level 1 are:

- If you are sick, stay home
- If you have cold or flu-like symptoms get tested
- Wash your hands, Wash your hands, Wash your hands
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow and regularly disinfect shared surfaces
- If you are told by health authorities to self isolate you must do so immediately

- If concerned about your wellbeing or you have underlying health conditions, consult with your GP
- Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen so we can use that for contact tracing if needed
- Stay vigilant

As a last reminder, we need all of our students back at school so that all students can move forward with their learning. If you are having a problem motivating your child to return to school, please give me a call and we can work together on a safe return to school for your child. We are here to help

Ngaa mihi nui

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