



Special Update for School Community 7.09.21

Kia ora tatou katoa

Greetings to everyone. You'll be aware that all of New Zealand (with the exception of Auckland) is **moving to Alert Level 2 from midnight tonight**. Our thoughts and positive wishes are with everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland.

Extensive wastewater testing and the numbers of people getting tested across the country has given the Government confidence that it is safe to allow a shift down to Alert Level 2 across most of New Zealand.

We are really **looking forward to welcoming everyone back onsite on Thursday morning**. Tomorrow (Wednesday) we will be continuing to support tamariki / children who have been onsite at Alert Level 3 while we prepare for re-opening to all on Thursday.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please continue to **monitor your health** and **do not send your children to school if they are not well** (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means **we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces**, encourage **everyone to frequently wash their hands** and **cough and sneeze into their elbow**.

While **physical distancing is not a requirement in schools**, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. **The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected.**

If you are not sure what all the rules are for alert level 2 when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

- [COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)
- [COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako or me if there is something you need assistance with. See you Thursday from 8.30am.

Ngā mihi

Nicky Brell & Staff