



## COVID - 19 UPDATE

### 12 May 2020

Dear Parents and Whanau,

Like me, I am sure you have followed the announcements made by the Prime Minister yesterday. It is reassuring to hear how well our country has done at minimising the impacts of COVID-19. Alert Levels 4 and 3 have not been easy and we have really appreciated your ongoing support for the work we are doing.

This update will provide you with some further details about life at school under Level 2 starting Monday 18 May.

### Level 2 at School

The Ministry of Health has stated that in Alert Level 2 schools are **safe environments** for children, young people and staff. Along with this, additional public health measures will be in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing. In short, at Level 2 we will be ready to welcome all students and staff back to our school site.

There are four key principles for schools under Level 2 are:

- Ensure people with COVID 19 symptoms stay off the premises.
- Maintain physical distancing.
- Enable good hygiene practices.
- Keep track of people who enter the school premises.

#### 1. Ensure people with 'COVID 19 - like' symptoms stay off premises.

- All staff and students are to stay home if they are feeling generally unwell.

- If students present or complain of being unwell, we will contact parents and require them to pick up their child immediately.
- 2. Maintain physical distancing.**
- **An important update on drop off and pick up procedures will come out later in the week.**
  - Children are encouraged to keep a safe physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other (there is no minimum distance requirement for schools at Alert Level 2).
  - Parents are encouraged to adhere to Level 2 physical distancing requirements ie, 1 - 2 metres at drop off and pick up times.
  - Contact games and sports for children are permitted at school. Children will sanitise and/or wash hands before and after these games.
- 3. Enable good hygiene practices.**
- All staff and students will sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the school.
  - All staff and students will wash and dry their hands before and after breaks, and after toileting.
  - High use surfaces, including the playground, and equipment will be disinfected regularly during the day.
  - All rooms and surfaces will be cleaned every school evening by our cleaners.
  - Children are to bring their own stationery and stationery cases (including snaplock bags).
- 4. Keep track of people who enter the school premises.**
- Parents are discouraged from coming on site unless necessary.
  - Tracing will be done by student roll, staff register, relieving teacher register and visitor register.
  - All visitors, including parents, who enter the school premises (inside the gates) will need to sign the visitor register at the office.
  - The back gate will be closed from 8.45am to 2.35pm.

Keep safe and be kind to one another.

Ngā mihi

Drew Campbell - Principal