



COVID - 19 UPDATE 28th February 2021

Dear Parents and Whanau,

Return to Alert level 2

The Government has announced last night that due to new cases of Community Transmission of Covid 19 in Auckland, we will be returning to Alert level 2 from 6.00am this morning (Sunday) for a period of 7 days. Please note Auckland will be at Alert Level 3.

The scheduled meeting (Monday 6pm) for parents helping out with camp has been put off. Mrs Malcolm and Mr Carroll will be in contact with our parent helpers this week to go over necessary information. We will be contacting Totara Springs Camp Ground tomorrow to discuss the implications of Level 2 on the camp. We will keep you updated.

I have copy and pasted much of the information I put out in the 14th Feb update which outlines the protocols we need to follow at Alert Level 2.

We will revert back to our previous Alert Level 2 procedures from last year. All children are able to attend school however parents and other visitors need to remain outside of the school gate **unless urgent or essential**. If you do need to enter the school grounds you must go to the office first and contact trace. This includes signing the register in the office.

We will have hand sanitizer out for all students and continue with our hygiene practices. A friendly reminder to keep your children at home if they have flu like symptoms.

I have included Drop Off and Pick Up procedures from a previous update below.

After School Care will operate as usual under Level 2 however pick up's will need to follow Level 2 protocols.

It is important to remember to keep calm around your children. Please talk to them about why the Government is doing this and that Level 2 means there is a low risk of transmission in our community.

I will provide further updates over the coming days from both the school and the Ministry of Education.

Important changes to Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures.

Under Level 2, the procedures for dropping off and picking up students will be different. The Ministry of Education has recommended that parents stay off school premises (for our school, this means outside of the gate) unless absolutely necessary. To accommodate this, we will be using the gravel area at the back of the car park as a designated 'Drop Off and Pick Up Zone'. **No cars will be allowed in this area.**

Drop Off Time (8.00am to 8.45am)

- All students, except children travelling by School Bus, enter the school via the **back gate of the car park** between 8.00am and 8.45am.
- All students apply hand sanitiser (supplied by the school) when entering the school.
- Parents can park their cars and bring their child to the 'Drop Off and Pick Up' Zone. Drew Campbell and some teachers will be there to meet and greet and take them through the school gate (if needed).
- Parents can also temporarily stop in the new designated 'Kiss and Go' area. Children walk from the car to the 'Drop Off and Pick Up' Zone and enter the school.

Pick Up Time (2.35pm to 3.00pm)

- Parents will pick up children either from the front gate (by the school bus) or from the 'Drop Off and Pick Up Zone' at the back of the car park.
- To minimise congestion, pick up time is extended to 2.35pm - 3.00pm.
- June Malcolm and Liam Carroll will be on duty at the Front Gate. Children will not be allowed out of the gate until a parent has been sited and the bus has departed.
- Drew Campbell and Judi Scrimgeour will be on duty at the Back Gate.
- Please be mindful of physical distancing etiquette in the 'Drop Off and Pick Up Zone'. If it is crowded, please stay in your car until it clears.
- Children will have their hands sanitised in their classroom on their way out.
- Please make sure your child knows which gate you are picking them up from.

We expect Drop Off and Pick Up times to take longer than usual. We ask for your support, patience and kindness during this time.

Keep safe and be kind to one another.

Ngā mihi

Drew Campbell - Principal