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Tena koutou Newstead Model Country School community.

I hope your week has started well and your children have been able to continue their learning.

Today we heard that we are moving to level 2 from midnight on Tuesday 7th September. Schools will be open for all students on **Thursday the 9th of September**. We will still be open for those students who have been attending under alert level 3.

All teachers will be coming into school on Wednesday to prepare for the return of all students on Thursday. For this reason, teachers will not be expected to go online with students on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Education expects all children to return to school on Thursday, however, if your child is sick we would expect you to keep them home letting the school know as usual. There will be no online learning offered to students under alert level 2 as all teachers will be working face to face with their students at school.

On the wearing of masks at school, it has been recommended that children over the age of 12 wear a mask. For children under 12 it will be a personal choice.

Under level 2 we ask parents not to come onto the school site. Please drop your child/ren off in the car park in the morning, and at the end of the day we will bring the children out to the carpark. If for some reason you find it necessary to come on site you will need to sign in. You will not be able to go into the classrooms.

Under level 2 there will be some school activities that may not take place or may happen under modified conditions. The interschool cross country has already been cancelled. We will let you know of any other activities that are affected this term.

After school care will restart under alert level 2. The only change is when parents arrive to pick up their child/ren they will need to txt after school care. They will bring the child out to the carpark, please do not come onto the school site.

We will continue to carry out our normal cleaning practices, and students will be asked to sanitize their hands before entering classrooms.

Again, I thank you for your understanding and tolerance during this challenging time. I know that for some of you you may find these restrictions frustrating but I can assure you that all of us will continue to do our best to make sure your child/ren feel safe so learning can continue at school.

We will keep you updated as we know more.

Atawhai tetahi ki tetahi

Ngaa mihi

Tony Mangan