

BACK TO SCHOOL TOMORROW! - Wednesday 17th November

ALERT LEVEL 2 ONSITE LEARNING AT NEWSTEAD MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL
Community Update 16th November 2021



Kia ora Newstead Parents/ Caregivers,

We are really looking forward to seeing our students back at school tomorrow morning and today we have been preparing our spaces and programmes all ready for a great start.

We want to acknowledge the amazing job that you have done on the home front, not only as parents/ caregivers but also as your child's educator over the past few weeks. Thank you!

THINGS TO CHECK OFF FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL

- A hat for Term 4 (if possible bring a bucket hat for this week if you can't locate your school one)
- A drink bottle (named!)
- Sunscreen applied and in bags for any top ups

HEADLINES:

- School is open and students are expected to attend learning onsite.
- We are aware that the change to the alert level will mean different things for different families. If your child will be absent for any reason, please let us know via the school office in the usual manner.
- Any children and staff are to stay at home if they are sick. Children will be sent home immediately if they show any symptoms of being unwell.
- Newstead After School Care Programme** will be operating from Wednesday afternoon 2.35pm -5.30pm. Please contact Sarah Jones if you are wanting your child to return and have not already made contact with her. sarahasc@hotmail.com
- We expect that all our learners will follow the physical distance expectations.
- All visitors to the school grounds, including parents and whanau, are required to report to the school office in the first instance. Please wear a mask. (Posters with QR codes will be displayed around the school. All visitors are required to sign in using the official NZ Government COVID 19 Tracing App).
- All parents who are volunteering to assist with learning programmes at Newstead in classrooms will need to provide evidence (to Meg Campbell, Principal) of their vaccine status in order to meet the Ministry of Education Health & Safety requirements.

FURTHER DETAILS, REMINDING & ASSURING YOU OF LEVEL 2 PROTOCOLS AT NEWSTEAD SCHOOL:

- Where possible, students have set spaces to sit .
- Physical distancing is encouraged. Children are reminded about no touching and respecting social distancing rules.(Hugs and handshakes are not appropriate at this time)
- Children will have their own stationery, supplies and devices where possible/practical to avoid sharing.
- Regular reminders will be given to students about good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying).
- Indoor spaces will be as well ventilated as possible; open windows & doors.
- Masks are not mandatory but staff/ students can wear them if they choose.
- 'Higher-risk activities', such as singing, dancing, & congregating are outside activities only
- Our site will have a strict cleaning schedule with surfaces regularly wiped and sanitised. Along with the daily, detailed clean by our CrestClean team, all classes will have a daily protocol for wiping down hard surfaces and shared devices
- No sharing of food, including shared lunches.
- Use of drinking fountains is permitted, however we are encouraging students to bring their own named water bottle from home. -
- School gatherings, including school assemblies will not go ahead at this alert level. We will be in touch regarding our end of year gatherings.
- Out of school programmes such as Out Of School Music are able to continue at Alert Level 2. Individual providers will contact parents/whanau directly
- All school transport services will resume. Note - masks are now mandatory on school buses for students aged 12 years and older at all Alert Levels. -
- Parents and whanau are asked to contact the office via email or telephone wherever possible. Likewise, we ask that parents and whanau use email/ seesaw to make contact with classroom teachers in the first instance.

Pick up and Drop Off

- The gravel area of the car park will be a designated zone for parents to drop off and/or pick up children. There will be no cars in this area during the first two weeks of Level 2.
- Parents will drop off children at the back gate of the car park between 8.00 - 8.45am.
- Parents will pick up children from the back gate of the car park. .
- Staff will be on Back Gate Duty after school.
- Parents are encouraged to be mindful of physical distancing etiquette in this zone. If it is crowded, please stay in your car until it clears.

Nga mihi nui koutou,

Meg Campbell

Principal