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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora koutou

Monday 18th May is fast approaching and the teachers are very excited to welcome the students back next week.

Thank you to those families that have contacted us regarding your intentions for sending your child back to school under Level 2. If you have not been in touch, we still want to hear from you. Please complete this brief survey [Level 2 Parent Survey](#). Alternatively you can email the office (enquiries@glenfieldint.school.nz) and state whether your child will return, will not return or may return under Alert Level 2.

We would like to outline the procedures we have in place for alert level 2 to keep your children and our staff safe, and to comply with the directions of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. Please know that every decision we have made is based on the safety of all our children.

Alert Level 2 summary

The overriding principles for Alert Level 2 are:

- to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place
- to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school or early learning centre is infected
- understand that Level 2 is not business as usual

As we transition into alert level 2 there will be tight restrictions and once we have confidence that everything is operating effectively, we will open more opportunities. Our initial focus is to reinforce the key Public Health guidelines. I ask that all families discuss these before the students return on Monday 18th May.

GIS Safety Plan for students

In classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Sanitiser will be available at the entrance to the classroom. • Children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. Where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adults. • Workspaces will be organised in an attempt to allow for some physical distancing • Children will need to have their own stationery, supplies and devices/headphones - no sharing. • Doors will be left open - temperature permitting • Students changing for Specialist subjects (Mon, Tues, Wed). Morning Sessions - students come to school in PE gear, Afternoon sessions - students go home in PE gear
Break and lunch times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The playground will be closed • The bike track will be closed initially (at breaks and for class use) • Physical education classes and break time activities will include access to sports equipment. There will be regular cleaning of shared equipment. • Children are encouraged to stay 1m apart in the playground - no more than 10 students in a group unless it is an organised event by a teacher. • Water fountains will be turned off - children will need to bring water bottles



GIS School App



GIS is a PB4L School

Our purpose is to encourage students to take responsibility for themselves by providing a consistent, positive approach to behaviour.

At GIS we value:

- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Relationships
- ◆ Resilience

Principal's Message Continued

Hygiene and cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Sanitiser, Surface Sanitiser, tissues, and paper towels will be available in every classroom. • Hand Sanitiser will be at the entrance to all classrooms including Learning Hub and Hall. • Soap and hot water is available in all bathrooms. • The toilet blocks will be sanitised during the day. • Cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with MoH guidelines. • Toilets - each classroom will have designated bathroom space clearly labelled. <p><u>Personal Hygiene includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues • Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately • Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds) • Use hand sanitiser whenever you enter or exit a room • Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
Physical distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No handshakes, hongi, hugging, and other physical contact • Avoid getting into other peoples 'moist breath zone'. • No groups bigger than 10 in the playground unless for an organised teacher event. • No full school assemblies
Pick up and Drop Off:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usual start and finish times • No students will be permitted on the grounds before 8.00am or after 3.15pm (unless on the school bus). • Under Alert Level 2 parents and caregivers will not be allowed on site unless they have an appointment with the teacher or are visiting the office. If parents do wish or need to come on site, please email the classroom teacher. If this can not be done due to unforeseen circumstances please come to the school office to register and register as a visitor. • We wish to encourage a drop off and pick up only approach to restrict the number of 'adults on-site'. Please do not use the staff car park to drop off or pick up. • Usual bus services will operate. There is a limit on the number of students on the bus. You should have received information from AT via an email yesterday regarding this.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will stay within their own classroom and not visit other rooms or staff shared spaces (ie photocopier or staffroom) unless absolutely necessary. • Bathroom doors (not cubicles), gates etc will be wedged open to minimise contact with handles.

One of the biggest risks to our community is unwell people attending school. Students and staff are to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms. Anyone with flu like symptoms is to consult a GP or call Healthline. This will likely prompt a test for the virus. It is very important that we follow this advice to ensure the virus is not spread within the school community. For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website:

Lastly, can you please ensure that your child brings everything they have completed at home over the last few weeks. This is especially important for the Specialist subject projects.

Take care and stay safe

Ngā mihi



Mark Whitford
Principal