

25/8/2020

Kia ora koutou

I hope you are all well.

By now I am sure that you have heard the good news that the Prime Minister has announced a move to Alert Level 2 and we will be ready to welcome all students back to our school site on Monday 31st August. This means that our scheduled 'teacher only day' has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for term 4.

Like the last time we were at Alert Level 2, there will need to be some different systems and processes that we use to keep our students, staff and parents safe. A reminder that while everyone is onsite at Alert Level 2 next week, we must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick (students and staff)
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- **Please note:** At Alert Level 2 any adult that is not a staff member **MUST** do some form of contact tracing sign in and we strongly suggest you use the Covid-19 tracer app. This is to keep ALL our staff and students safe. All visitors **MUST** report to the office.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible.

### Masks

Because of the measures above, the MoH and MoE have advised that your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so. Please note that we are still awaiting confirmation on whether students will be required to wear a mask when travelling on our school buses. We will share this information as soon as it is available.

### Distance Learning Programme

This will continue for the rest of this week for all students. However, on Friday, we will be having staff learning sessions focusing around the new Health and Safety processes, and teachers will use this time to prepare for the physical return to school on Monday. Therefore on Friday morning, the teacher will have their normal 'google meet' at 9.00am to set up the day's programme then the students will need to independently work for the day. Teachers will not be available to check emails during the day.

### Devices

If you have borrowed a school device, it is essential that this is returned to the school office on Monday 31st August so they can be cleaned and put back into use in the classrooms.

As usual please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have any queries.

Take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Whitford'.

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