



Monday 8 June

TERM 2 – UPDATE 7
Moving to Alert Level 1

Kia Ora Koutou

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

The Golden Rules for everyone at Alert Level 1:

1. If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
2. If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
3. Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
4. Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
5. If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
6. If you're concerned about your wellbeing, or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
7. Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.
8. Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.
9. Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.
10. People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.

QR Code Tracer

The Ministry of Health is still developing our QR code tracer. You will be advised when this comes to us. It will be displayed in the office and can be used to trace your own movements. In the meantime, keep track of when you are visiting school just in case this is needed in the future.

Visitors to school during the school day

Any visitors to the school during the school day still need to check in at the office. We have a 'Visitors Book' in the office that needs signing for anyone on site during the school day. This is a health & safety requirement irrespective of whether we are in the pandemic or not.

New Routines

While a little cautious for some initially, many of you will have noticed the increased independence that children have been developing during the return to school after lockdown. We have seen children more independently coming into school and doing their own morning jobs/routine. At the end of the day children have been packing their own bags, or supported to do so by staff, developing independence with this daily routine while also taking more responsibility for their belongings. This has been a real highlight for staff, seeing those skills grow over such a short period of time. It has also been commented on by a number of parents.

We have noticed, without adults waiting in the corridors, or outside classrooms at the end of the day, children have been able to learn to do some of these jobs themselves, which they are more than capable of. This has been a positive by product of the challenge of adjusting at level 2; one that we are keen to see our children continue to have opportunity to grow in. We therefore ask that you continue to drop your child off with a cheery farewell, and wait outside the buildings and away from the classrooms at the end of the day. By all means organise a meeting place somewhere in the school if you need to, or continue the independent habits that have started to be developed this term already.

Parent Survey re Lockdown

Thanks to all those who have shared feedback already about Lockdown Learning. We are really keen to hear from as many people as possible so please, if you haven't done so already, take a moment to fill it in.

[Lockdown Learning Survey](#)

Looking Forward

We can now look forward to things like inter-school and community sport, assemblies, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities. Keep in touch with the school calendar on the school app for activities planned for the students, as well as Home & School and Board of Trustee events.

More information about organised activities will be passed on as soon as we know what's happening.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Ngā manaakitanga
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Principal