



COVID-19 Update #1 – 14 February 2021

Kia ora Whānau

You will no doubt have heard from the Prime Minister that we move to Alert Level 2 at midnight tonight.

What does this mean for us at Merrilands School?

- Level 2 protocols will again be used to guide how we operate
- Any children feeling unwell **MUST** stay home. Children who are unwell at school will be asked to go home
- Any visitors to school must go to the office, scan the tracing register, sign in and sanitise their hands before seeing Brenda
- The best form of communication with teachers during this alert level is via email

Attendance

- School is still open to all students and attendance is expected unless your child is unwell, is vulnerable or your family is self isolating
- If absent, please use the school app to record child's name, reason for absence etc, before 9am. This helps to save time making contact with each family should your child be marked absent
- If you are self-isolating, please confidentially advise Brenda or myself
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At Pick Up and Drop Off

- Parents will need to drop off and collect children from outside the school gate. Parents of new entrant students in Room 10 may go with them to class if needed but must sign into the tracing register inside their classroom each day. No other adults are allowed on school site.
- Please talk with your child/ren about where your 'meeting place' will be at the end of the day. We highly recommend walking, biking, scootering or parking and walking from Miro Street or Mangorei Road if you do need to travel by car
- Parents are asked to maintain social distancing whilst waiting
- Unfortunately the school grounds will not be available for people to stay after school to play during this alert level

Classrooms

- Classrooms will all have hand sanitiser available and cleaning/sanitation processes to follow including washing hands frequently through the day
- Children need to sanitise on entry and will wash hands with soap and dry in classrooms prior to going out to play times
- Children need to bring their own named water bottle as water fountains will be turned off

Sports & Community Activities

- The Community BBQ / Picnic and Korero Mai – Meet the Teacher evening on Tuesday is **POSTPONED**. A new date will be shared as soon as confirmed.
- Sports updates will be shared as soon as they come to us

Ngā mihi

Michelle Cronin
Principal