



Back in Level 2 12 August 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Given the announcements regarding our return to Level 2, we encourage you to talk openly with your child to keep them informed and reassured. We will do the same at school. The following is a summary of the key information regarding health and safety, school organisation and learning moving forward.

Self Isolating: (Ministry guidance)

- At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There will be appropriate precautions in place.
- Children and staff who are at higher-risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.
- Please be alert to illness and ask anyone who is presenting as unwell to go home, or ask parents and caregivers to come and pick the child up.

Routines and safety:

- School programmes will continue to run as normal, with the exception of contact sport and assemblies.
- For schools, 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.
- Good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- Any students, young people and staff should stay at home if they are sick, or should be sent home immediately if they show any symptoms. Under Level 2 we ask that people see their family doctor that day to mitigate risk of COVID-19.
- Washing of hands as soon as students arrive at school, before break times, after break times, toilet times, sneeze/cough, end of the day etc.
- It is safe for students to share resources, books, sports gear etc when they are regularly washing their hands.
- Drinking fountains will be closed. **Bring a water bottle into school tomorrow.**
- Playgrounds are safe to open for students to play on and shared sports equipment is safe to play with.
 - Equipment needs to be cleaned at the end of each session
 - There will be no contact sport played
- Full school assemblies will be put on hold. Whānau assemblies may continue with spacing between students.
- School's are not considered as a public gathering place so there is no requirement to wear masks.

- Drop off/pick up your children, between 8.15 and 8.30 in the morning and at 2.45 in the afternoon.

Please do not drop off or collect your children outside of these times.

- QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App are displayed at the school entrance.

Buses:

-There are loading restrictions on some school buses. 711b, 712b and 713b will be going back to restrictions from this afternoon's run until further notice. This means no standing passengers. This will severely impact on the number of students that can use these buses. If you can find an alternative way to and from school then we suggest that you do so. Other MMI buses - 710b, 720 and Matapihi will run as normal.

Parents on site:

- If you can avoid coming on site yourselves, we would appreciate this in order to minimise extra adults on the school grounds. If you do enter the school at any time, you will need to register at the office first.

- Contact tracing at class level and school level so that students, staff and visitors can immediately be contacted by public health services if there is a probable or confirmed case.

- Upon advice from the local medical officer of health, any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis for 72 hours to allow contact tracing and then potentially for a further 14 days.

Postponement of Events: The MMI Information Evening scheduled for the 19th August has been postponed until further notice. Inter School Sporting Events such as Super 11 Cross Country and Winterfest Waterpolo have also been postponed.

Preparing for Level 3: As a school we are preparing for a possible move to level 3. As we know from experience, this may happen suddenly. The staff will be working hard to ensure that programmes are up and running to enable students to access online distance learning, if required. On the whole, programmes will look very similar to lockdown in term 1 and 2, but will be modified slightly based upon your feedback post lockdown. Google classrooms are already set up, we have Education Perfect for mathematics and Writer's Toolbox for writing. Students are very familiar with these programmes as they have been running within the classrooms.

Device Issuing

In preparation for the possibility of going into Alert Level 3, we will issue devices to students who require them for online or distance learning. We have this list from the previous lockdown. If you did not have a device during lockdown and you require one, please **request this from your child's classroom teacher**. A device will be issued and we ask that this device is brought to and from school daily. This will ensure that students will have access to a school device should we suddenly go into Level 3. You will not be required to fill out an indemnity form if you filled one out last time, however, your child will bring one home for completion if you did not complete the form. We appreciate the care that was taken with our school devices and the prompt 100% return of these after the previous lockdown.

If you prefer a **hard copy learning pack**, please contact your child's teacher by 3pm on Thursday 13th August. We will prepare these in advance, and issue, so that your child is prepared should we move

into Alert Level 3. If your child still has a hard copy MOE pack, they will be able to continue working on this.

Please talk with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. We will continue to keep you updated as soon as information comes to hand.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi,
Lisa Morresey
Principal