



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

With the Government announcement on Monday that we will be moving to Alert Level 2 we can now send communication letting you know what this will look like for our students. We are expecting the majority of our **students to return to school on Monday May the 18th**. There are still a number of clear expectations and guidelines that we need to follow and we ask your support in following these and helping communicate what this will look like to your child before coming to school. We are aware that there may be a small number of students who will be continuing with distance learning and we will be sending another survey to make sure we have accurate data about who is and is not returning.

As we are expecting the majority of our students back, the learning program and focus will again be changing. This means teachers spending the majority of the energy planning for and providing feedback to the children in class. There will still be support for learners at home but this may not be as immediate or as detailed as during the lockdown.

Preparing your child for Level 2 schooling is essential. With the restrictions and procedures we are expected to follow school will be different to what children have experienced previously. Please look through these and talk to your child about them.

Unwell students. As children are reported to be less prone to display severe symptoms of Covid-19 it is vital that if they are unwell in any way to keep them home. Ministry advice is that all children who are unwell, including a snuffle or mild cough are to stay home. Any children who become unwell at school will be sent home as soon as possible, no wait and see if they feel better.

Contact Tracing. At level 2 any adults (including parents) who come through the school gates must be listed on our contact tracing register. There is a digital contactless one for your phone or a paper one if needed. There will be one in room Tui and the other in the office. **We are discouraging family members from coming on site at level 2. Instead, we are encouraging them to wait in their car.** Staff will be at the main car park gate to support our youngest children as they navigate the busy car park. If you can email or phone teachers with celebrations or concerns that would be helpful. We recognise at times face to face meetings will be necessary and ask that you fill in our register. This is just a precaution for worst case scenarios to speed up communication etc.

To support student contact tracing, children may need to **sit in the same place** each day. The government recognises the challenges with 1m physical distance between all children, and have changed the distance message to **be outside of the moist breath zone**. Please take some time to talk about what this looks like in practice. With people children do not usually interact with or know, students must still maintain 2 metre physical distance outside and 1m inside.

Drop off. The gates will be left open to minimise surfaces to touch. Children are to head straight to their class after leaving your car **between 8:30 and 9am** and keep distance from other people. If you have been out for public walks you may draw comparisons to this to help them understand. Part of our CoVid -19 safety plan is to ensure children are **not at school before 8:30am**. We are discouraging family members from coming on site at this stage and ask that you do not use any wait time in the car park as a social catchup time.

Pick up will be **between 3:00 and 3:20pm** for most children. A staff member will ensure your child/ children come out to your car once you arrive. **Children in room 1 & 2 and their siblings can be picked up from 2:30pm** to reduce the number of children exiting the school at 3pm.

Hand sanitiser must be used by all students on entry to classrooms and in all bathrooms – and regularly throughout the day. Soap and water in the bathrooms is still advised as the best approach. High use surfaces such as desks will be **cleaned daily**. High touch areas, like door handles, may be cleaned more often by the staff. Shared resources like computer keyboards, scissors etc will also be sanitized before use.

Breaktimes will be staggered between teams to limit contact. Team Bubbles will not mix during the day. School playgrounds are usable again but please talk to your children about the **importance of washing/ sanitizing their hands regularly**. Touching shared surfaces like playgrounds, balls, bats and the neighbours cats carries a risk. Washing our hands regularly is important.

No Assembly or whole school singing. Our understanding is that at level 2 gatherings like this are still not possible as we would have over 100 people in one space. The staff have talked about trialing an online zoom assembly. We will let you know if this goes ahead.

Year 7 & 8 Technology. We have been informed by Monrad Intermediate that technology will start again from June 15th.

Remember to pack a full day's **food and a drink** bottle as **fountains are out of action**. Remember snacks etc. Talk to children about not sharing or swapping food with friends. There will be no school fundraising lunches at level 2.

As you can see there is a lot for our students to take on board and our staff to manage. Your support in preparing children and following the guidelines is very important in ensuring the safety of the children and staff. The level of anxiety varies from family to family and from one staff member to another. Even with some in the community saying any risk is low, following all the guidelines will ensure everyone feels comfortable in our environment and confident that we are in the best position to move to the next level of alert when it is announced.

Thank you for your support.
James and the Kairanga team.