



CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL
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Sunday 22 March 2020

COVID-19 Whānau Update: #3

This is the third pānui out to the whānau

Tēnā Koutou whānau mā

We continue to work through a pandemic that evolves and changes daily.

On Saturday, the Prime Minister announced that there are now Four Alert levels that will determine the type of action and approach that they will take. We are currently at Alert Level 2,

Alert Level Two is where the disease is contained but the risks are growing because we have more cases. This is when we move to reduce our contact with one another. We increase our border measures, and we cancel events. This is also the level where we ask people to work differently if they can, and cancel unnecessary travel.

At Alert Level 2, **schools continue to remain open for learning** unless otherwise directed by the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and/or the Director-General of Health.

We completely understand and appreciate that some of you now are choosing to keep your children at home, which is your choice. While schools remain open, the advice is to send your children to school, as this continues the normal daily routine and provides stability and structure for our tamariki. Providing routine structure alleviates any anxiety or fear our children may have or develop.

While our school remains open, staff will not be providing additional learning to children who are staying away from school. The staff's focus will be on planning and teaching for our children who are at school. Only if we are closed, will we move to providing learning online for home.

At Alert Level 2, the Prime Minister has asked us to work differently and reduce contact with one another. In response to this, on Monday, we will introduce staggered break times. This means that groups of children will have different break times and eating times throughout the day. Introducing these measures will minimise large group interaction.



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Also at this Level, we have been advised by the Government and Ministry of Education to identify those tamariki and staff who may have existing medical conditions, which could make them a higher risk to possible infection. These people are advised to stay away from school for their health and wellbeing. We have been in contact with identified children and teachers and advised them to stay away for at least this week. Even though some of our teachers will be away, we are able to continue running all classes as normal.

As always, if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. Similarly, if your child becomes unwell at school, we will call you to come and collect them.

I would like to reiterate that we have sustained a robust cleaning programme and we use hospital grade disinfectant on all surfaces.

Please ensure your child has their own named water bottle at school each day, as we have closed the water fountains until further notice.

Please know, we have the absolute health and safety of our tamariki and our staff at the forefront of all decisions that are made. We continue to follow the advice of the Ministry of Education and the Government.

As always, I sincerely thank you for your support, understanding and trust as we work through this.

Ngā Mihi

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