



**CENTRAL NORMAL SCHOOL  
TE KURA TUATAHI O PAPAIOEA**

Whāia Kiā Tutuki - strive to your potential

Wednesday 12 August 2020

**COVID-19: Alert Level 2 from midday 12 August 2020**

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

As you are aware, we will move to Alert Level 2 from midday today. We know and understand that these measures are to protect us and the wider community.

We will be following similar measures that we had in place the last time we were at Alert Level 2. The overriding information is that **Early Learning Services and Schools are open for all children and students to attend instruction and it is safe to do so.**

This pānui describes the measures we will follow at Alert Level 2:

**IS SCHOOL SAFE FOR OUR TAMARIKI?**

Yes, as mentioned above, school is safe for our tamariki and staff. We will continue to follow good hygiene and safety practices, such as:

- hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- use of hand sanitizer on exit and entry to classrooms
- coughing and sneezing into own elbow
- encouraging students not to touch their own face

**CAN I KEEP MY CHILD AT HOME IF I'M UNSURE ABOUT ALERT LEVEL 2?**

The advice we have is that at Alert Level 2, school is safe for all children and staff.

**CAN I COME INTO SCHOOL TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP MY CHILD?**

No - similar to last time, we will ask for all children to say goodbye to their whānau member at the gate in the morning and then at the end of day, whānau to wait at the gates to meet their child.

Times will remain the same, where children can come into school from 8.35am and be picked up again at the end of the day from 3.00pm.

**Please Note:**

- Children will be released from class at 3.00pm, there will be no early finishing/pick up, except for those children on after school care vans. Whānau, can we please also ask that you try to minimise early pickups, especially on a Friday afternoon - thank you.
- There is no change to our current arrangements for our ORS children.
- If at any time through the day you need to collect your child (eg: for a doctor's appointment), you will need to come into the **office** (via Featherston Street gate) to sign your child out. We will ring your child's class and ask them to meet you at the office. We will also need to add you to our Contact Tracing Register.
- If your child is late to school, your child will need to enter school via the Featherston Street gate and sign in at the office as usual.



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**WILL PHYSICAL DISTANCING BE REQUIRED IN SCHOOLS?**

Where possible, physical distancing is a good precaution. However, it is acknowledged that physical distancing is not always practical in schools.

For our kura, it means that children and staff maintain a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other - 'if you can smell someone's breath, you are too close.'

**ARE TEAM AND SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ALLOWED?**

They are allowed, but we have chosen not to hold team and school assemblies at Alert Level 2. We wish to minimise large gatherings where close contact could occur.

**CAN MY CHILD USE THE PLAYGROUND AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT?**

Yes, your child will be allowed on the playgrounds and can use sports equipment. However, they will be required to sanitise their hands on entry back into class.

**WHAT IF MY CHILD FEELS UNWELL AT HOME OR SCHOOL?**

As with our normal procedures, if your child feels unwell while at home, please do not send them to school. Similarly, if your child displays cold/flu-like symptoms at school, we will ring you to come and collect them.

**WHAT CLEANING MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN?**

We have reinstated our daily cleaning across the school, particularly of high touch areas and the toilets.

**CAN MY CHILD USE THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS?**

No - we have chosen to keep our water fountains closed. **Please ensure your child has their own water bottle each day at school.**

**DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO WEAR A MASK?**

No - advice that we have received is that *"masks are not required at schools and early learning services at Alert levels 2 and 3"*.

**DISTANCE LEARNING**

As we are at Alert Level 2, there will be no Distance Learning. However, *should* we move to Alert Level 3, the Distance Learning codes will be sent out.

Whānau - we were incredibly thankful and appreciative of your support last time when we were at Alert Level 2 and know that we can count on your support and understanding again this time.

Ngā Mihi  
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Tumuaki/Principal