

# Alert Level Delta 2

## Thursday 9 September 2021

Kia ora koutou katoa Hato Mere whānau,

We are looking forward to seeing your children back at school tomorrow being able to have our hapori whānui together again. We have moved into Alert Level Delta 2 and are hoping that with good processes and procedures across the country we will be able to move quickly into level 1.

The procedures below are to ensure that we keep your children and the school as safe as possible now we are in Alert Level Delta 2.

There are a number of changes to how school will operate during this time of Alert Level Delta 2. We thank you in advance for your continued support and patience as we all work together to make the rest of this term and time in Level 2 as pleasant as possible for all involved.

Our focus during this time in Alert Level Delta 2 is on heightened and strict **Hygiene/Cleaning Practices** and **Contact Tracing Procedures** therefore we ask that we have as few people as possible on site during this time (hopefully only two weeks) as we learn and put in place new systems for the safety of your children and our community.

Below are the procedures that will be used while the school is in Alert Level Delta 2:

**Main focus:** “We need to **LIMIT** onsite numbers of adults/visitors and have to ensure we are **CONTACT TRACING**”

Parents will not be permitted entry into the school grounds during the school day in Alert Level Delta 2 unless they have a prior appointment. All adults who enter the property need to be traced. If you have an appointment, it is important that you come straight to the front office, sign in and wait for your appointment. You will be required to keep a 2m distance from any other people within the office area. **Masks are mandatory** when you are on site.

### Entry and Exit times and gates

Children will enter and exit from the same gate each day and sanitise when entering and leaving the school property.

Each entry point will have a staff member at it to welcome students and remind them to use the sanitiser.

### Morning Routine

#### Entry and Exit times and gates

Children will enter and exit from the same gate each day and sanitise when entering and leaving the school property.

**Entry** - 8:30am - 9:00am (Gates will stay closed until 8:30am sharp)

**Exit** - 3:00pm - 3:15pm

**All students** are to be **off the grounds by the 3:15pm** bell with no exception.

### **Entry points are:**

**Rooms 8, 9 - Main Gate** (between the Parish Hall and Room 5 ) Mr Dowling

**Rooms 3, 4, 6 - Side gate** (next to the container outside Room 5) Mrs Forbes

**Rooms 1, 2 - Scout Den Gate** (behind the church) Mrs Lamain, Miss Bamford

**Stephenson Street Gate** Mr Andy Parsons

**Preschool entry - is not to be used during Alert Level Delta 2. Please keep clear of this entrance. It is only for preschool students and whanau.**

**Physical distancing:** adults should maintain a 2 metre distance and stay no longer than 15 minutes at the school gate.

**Cellphones** - Children who bring phones to school will take them to class in the morning and hand them into their classroom teacher. A selected student from the class will then deliver these to the front office. All phones will return to classrooms at the end of the day.

### **Well being:**

#### **'If your child is sick - STAY HOME'**

Any child who is SICK will be sent home (if you are called then your child will need to be picked up as soon as possible - please ensure all contact details are up to date)

- These are the symptoms to look out for; coughing, runny nose, breathing issues, sore throat, sneezing, high temperature and chills, blocked ears (earache), cold, head cold
- If the school had a positive COVID-19 result the Ministry of Health would shut the school initially for 72 hours while all contact tracing registers/details are gathered and contact is made
- Following this the school 'could' be closed for a further 14 days or more at which time all students will need to remain home and Distance Learning will continue as it did before (you will be notified via School App - please have updated)
- To eliminate the risk of this happening we ask that NO parents, caregivers or visitors are onsite unless you have an appointment and follow Alert Level 2 Social Distancing Practices while onsite.

### **General Hygiene**

**Hand Sanitising** - all students and staff will regularly sanitise their hands-entry and exit of the classroom, before and after morning tea and lunchtime. Any time a child leaves the classroom and re-enters the room.

**Hand washing** - good handwashing practices are in place and will be continually reinforced by teachers each day.

**Sanitising classrooms** - classrooms will be continually cleaned and sanitised throughout the day. Our cleaner will be using the correct cleaning protocols every night in the classroom.

### **Suitable ventilation**

Classrooms will be adequately ventilated at all times. Heat pumps will be set to 18 degrees maximum. During break times windows and doors will be open to refresh and circulate the air within each class ready for the next learning block.

## School gatherings

During Alert Level Delta 2 we will have no large gatherings such as; Friday Prayers or Assembly. School performance activities such as Choir, Kapa Haka and the Multicultural Group will only occur if there is the ability to follow the guidelines set by the Ministry of health. That is no more than 50 people and the ability to stay 2m apart.

## Eating and playing

- All students will require their OWN NAMED drink bottle for water
- All students will sanitise or wash their hands before lunch
- All playgrounds at school will be open during the school day
- Children will be asked to maintain 'good' physical distancing practices outdoors. That is **"TO KEEP AT ARM'S LENGTH"**

## Learning

- **ATTENDANCE**; normal attendance rules apply from Thursday 9th September - any **NON-ATTENDANCE** will be flagged
- From Monday 13 September (Week 8) teachers will NO longer be available for Distance Learning
- Any families choosing to 'SELF ISOLATE' during Alert Level Delta 2 can continue with the websites provided at the beginning of LOCKDOWN however teachers will not be available during the school day for contact
- **ALL DEVICES** that were given out during LOCKDOWN are to be RETURNED on Thursday 9th September. They are to be brought to the front office by the student who borrowed it. It will then be processed by Mrs Stanley

Our main focus for the last few weeks will be continuing to build positive relationships, reconnecting with our children and their whānau and with each other as a community albeit under the guidelines of Alert Level 2. Through this we will ensure our students are engaged back into their learning and feel safe at school.

Many thanks,

Yours 'In Christ's Light'

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