

Maungatapere School Newsletter

Returning to Level 2 - Wednesday 12 August



Kia ora Family & Whanau

Unfortunately, our trip to Butterfly Creek has been cancelled. We know there will be many disappointed students and parents, not to mention teachers – but circumstances obviously are against us this year. Perhaps fortunately this has developed before we attended rather than after! Thank you to all those parents and family members that were going to support the trip. It would have been a great day. We will advise about funding reimbursement shortly.

The change in circumstances relating to COVID 19 and the return to Level 2 for the country outside of the Auckland region has meant we need to reintroduce our Level 2 Health and Safety guidelines.

We are required to keep a register of all parents that come on site during this time. If you need to come on site and are in classrooms, please sign in at the school office or on the classroom sign in sheets. The drop off and pick up system at the school gate will continue and it will make contact tracing easier if you only enter the school grounds when necessary.

We will keep you informed about future school events and required changes:

- Mathex (for those students in the Y5-8 teams) was this Friday but has been postponed until further notice.

Below are the health and safety guidelines staff and students will be implementing again at Level 2.

Teaching Guidelines & Classroom Hygiene at Level 2:

- Physical Distancing – Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. In an Alert Level 2 school environment, this means children, young people, and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There are situations where physical distancing is not possible, such as some sporting activities. In these situations, extra emphasis on handwashing and drying (or cleansing with hand sanitiser) before and after activities is very important.
- Hand sanitiser/soap and paper towels will be used on entry and exit from classrooms – start/end of day, start/end of breaks.
- Disinfectant, cloths and gloves will be available in all classrooms and resource rooms.
- Cleaners will clean classroom hard surfaces at the end of each day.
- Teachers will set safety guidelines with students in their classes and reinforce these regularly – hand cleansing, going to the toilet, safe coughing, safe nose blowing procedures, physical distancing and what this looks like, processes for entering/leaving classrooms.
- Students do not need to sit in the same place every day.
- Playgrounds will be open. Students will have access to all school playground areas.
- PE classes and breaks - Sports equipment will be available. Students will wash/sanitise before and after use.
- Doors will be pegged back where possible to avoid handles needing to be used.
- Students will bring their morning tea, lunch and drink bottle to school each day and not share food.
- Staff will monitor students when they arrive and sick students (presenting as unwell) will be sent home by the school office.
- Sick students will not be sent to school.
- School assemblies will not take place inside, but can be held outside where there is room to spread – on court in front of R1/2 instead of under covered area.
- Library will be open as normal.

- Shared equipment and supplies can be used if there is regular handwashing. Teachers will set class guidelines and monitor these.
- Cultural activities – kapa haka etc will continue with distancing where possible.
- Teachers need to keep a record of any adults including parents who enter their classroom other than staff – time of entry and exit on record sheet.
- If there is contact or a suspected case of Covid 19 within the school, the whole bubble will be asked to self-isolate and Ministry of Health guidelines will be followed.

Parent/Visitor Tracking

- Parents are asked to not enter the school grounds where possible, as parents/caregivers who come on site need to be recorded in a visitor register. Students can be dropped off at the school carpark and will be met by a teacher. Students can enter the school grounds and go to their classrooms independently.
- Parents who do enter the school grounds need to sign in and out at the school office. They will also need to be recorded if they enter classrooms.
- Visitors/trades people will report to the office and sign in and out.
- New Entrant children – The new entrant teacher Anne Maree Adams and Jackie Hamilton will liaise with new families regarding visits and times.

Buses/End of Day Organisation

- Buses will run as usual with the school keeping lists of students travelling by bus.
- Buses will be supplied with sanitiser to be used entering and leaving.
- Teachers will monitor bus seating with students sitting in family groups.
- Bus lines, ASC, walkers assemble on the court as normal with usual teachers and monitors.
- Bus bay is for buses only.
- Start of day drop off can take place as normal. The gate will be monitored between 8.25-8.50am
- Car line students will go to the school gate in family groups, with teachers checking off and monitoring.
- End of day pick up will be at the school gate as cars arrive. Parents will wait in the cars and students can go as soon as their car arrives.
- Parents are asked to roster their arrival times to avoid crowding: 2.50pm – 3pm for family names beginning with A-H. 3pm on for I-Z. Students will wait in family groups and be supervised/monitored by teachers as they leave to ensure safety. Parents are asked to be patient, kind and considerate.

Cleaning/Sanitising Guidelines:

- Cleaning materials and hand sanitiser will be available at admin entry, staffroom and key admin work areas
- Cleaners/Caretaker will clean/disinfect door handles and hard surfaces each day.
- Teachers can organise further cleaning of hard surfaces and frequency within their own classrooms as they require.
- Shared computers/IPads will be cleaned weekly by monitors.
- Photocopier will only be used by teachers – any printing to them will need to be collected by teachers.
- Support staff will clean photocopiers at the end of each day.
- Cleaning contractor/caretaker will undertake thorough cleaning of the classrooms and toilets.
- Rooms need to be 18-20 degrees in temperature.

ASC:

- Students attending ASC will sanitise hands on entry and exit to hall.
- Distancing will be as for school.
- Food prep will include use of gloves and meet established standards.
- Parents will text ASC 021-0375623 when in car park for pick up and a supervisor will take the students to the carpark. Supervisor will take responsibility for signing out.

It is important that parents monitor their children getting out of the car to ensure they are moving safely through the car park.

If you are new to our school, we will organise an alternative arrival time to welcome you. Please contact the school office.

Food & Drink: Students will need to bring their morning tea and lunch, plus a drink bottle each day. It is important that you talk with your children about not sharing/swapping food during Level 2.

Sick Children: Please take extra precaution during this time and if children are not feeling well keep them at home. Please notify the school as usual if students are off sick.

We hope that we will not remain at Level 2 for long and can get back to Level 1. Our school community were very supportive last time and we appreciate your support again while things evolve. Decisions relating to school events will be made when we have further information about where the country will be from Friday.

If you need any assistance, support please contact the school. Stay safe and look after each other.

Regards

Judy Eagles
Principal