



## Mt Cook School at Level Two

Tuesday, 11 August 2020

Kia ora Whanau,

**This evening the Prime Minister has announced that we are moving back to Level 2.** Not the news we wanted to hear tonight but we have done it before and we know we can do it again. Public health advice is that it is safe for students and staff to attend school during Alert Level 2.

Please have a chat with your children and explain that there is currently no sign of cases in Wellington but we are following the government's advice and being very careful to ensure we keep everyone safe.

**Parent teacher meetings will be postponed until later in the term. The dates will be decided after we move back to Level 1. School will be open until 3pm tomorrow.**

This is the planning for Level Two at Mt Cook School.

Schools are required to ensure hygiene habits are strong. The focus will be on good hygiene practices (regular hand washing and drying, coughing into your elbow) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces using approved products.

In Alert Level 2, we will know who is at school, who our staff and students have been in close contact with and will take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe.

Under Alert Level 2, **any students and staff who are sick must stay at home**, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

All parents and caregivers will need to adhere to the rules of physical distancing while they are on school grounds.

**No children will be allowed at school before 8:30am.** Please drop your children off at the gate if you can. If you need to come on to school grounds you will have to check in with the staff

members/parent volunteers stationed at the gates. **We will have the school tracking QR code up that we used previously. Or you can use the physical register.**

If you are picking your child up you will need to arrange a gate at which to meet. If your child needs to be collected from their classroom, **please arrive at bell time. You will need to check in with the QR code or the physical register.** Students and families need to immediately leave school after the end of the day. The grounds will not be available for playing and socialising after school time.

After school care will continue. They will have their own cleaning protocols and contact tracing systems that will be shared with those families using their service.

### **Gathering together**

We will:

- Not have assemblies
- Not have inter-class activities (singing, cross-grouping for maths)
- Have play in the junior syndicate within classes but not across the syndicate
- No Kapa Haka
- Library visits will be cancelled; we will work on an idea for a mobile library

### **Contact tracing**

- Class rolls will be used to keep a record of who is on site each day
- Any visitors to school will need to use the QR code or sign the register outside the office. Parents who enter school grounds at the beginning or end of the day will need to use the QR code or sign in with one of the teachers/parent volunteers.
- Itinerant music teachers will keep detailed registers of who they have worked with on a given day
- Arohanui Strings can resume with detailed registers and no sharing of food

### **Hygiene and cleaning routines**

- Our cleaners will thoroughly clean at night time
- Students will need to use hand sanitiser before coming into and when leaving the classroom
- Hands will need to be washed / sanitised before eating and at the end of morning tea and lunchtime
- High contact surfaces will be cleaned with approved disinfectant at morning tea, lunchtime and at the end of the day
- Bathroom surfaces will be cleaned regularly over the course of the day
- Students will be reminded to not share food
- Drinking fountains will not be in use

- If children have forgotten their lunch, sandwiches will be made and delivered to them in their classroom. Children will not be able to use the staffroom to make their own. Lunch orders from Cube Bakery and sushi on Tuesdays will be available.

Thank you for your support.