

Covid-19 information for parents/caregivers

Parent google meets

FAQ page: we will add a FAQ and answer page to our website

Vaccination and covid tests

All staff are supportively following the MoH mandate around vaccinations. By 15 November all staff will have had at least 1 vaccination and by 1st January all staff will be fully vaccinated (this is likely to be much earlier for all staff). A confidential register is kept by Brenda.

All staff are required to have a negative covid test before returning to school. Those who are fully vaccinated only need to have a one off test. Staff who are partially vaccinated need to have weekly negative covid tests until fully vaccinated. A confidential register is kept by Brenda.

Parents/caregivers who come into help/support in any way at school (once we get to Level 2) will be required to be fully vaccinated. A google form will be sent to any parent to complete with photographic evidence that they are fully vaccinated. This will be kept confidential to Brenda.

Starting back all together:

At this point, once we go back to school at Level 2 (or possibly one of the Level 3 stages??), teachers are unlikely able to carry on with distance learning as well as class learning. Distance learning would be available for any child who has to stay at home due to being immuno-compromised or having someone in their household who is.

However, we are aware there may be a number of children who will not return to school this year. Once we know when we are going back, I will put out a google form to ascertain what these numbers will be. SLT will then work out what support we can give to those children who are not returning to school. It really is a tricky situation, but we will work through it once we know what the numbers are

Students will enter the grounds between **8:30am and 8.55am**. Staff will be at the Waipani, Wharf Road and Gwendoline Ave entrances from **8.30** to welcome students into the school grounds.

If children are late for school (anytime after 8.55) they must go to the student entrance to the office and knock and wait. Office staff will give them a late slip.

No parents/caregivers will be allowed on site during Level 3 or Level 2 (apart from the note below)

Note: Year 0 students may have one parent/caregiver drop them to their classroom. This can be no earlier than 9.10 and pick up between 2.30 and 2.40. These parents must scan in using the QR code and wear a mask. All other students will leave at 3.00pm as per usual

MLE classrooms. Same protocols re personal hygiene and personal space. Matawaka and Te Atatu have a ventilation system. Waiting on advice from MoE about all other classroom/teaching spaces. No cross grouping during term 4.

Playgrounds are open to children at school (if we go back to school at one of the Level 3 stages, this may change)

Water fountains will be turned off. Children will need to bring a bottle which can be filled up at school from the classroom taps,

Only essential visitors are allowed onsite. This will include any outside agencies or companies who are supporting pastoral care of children and any curriculum based learning or support (e.g. RTLB, Psychologists, EOTC staff)

Parents will need to ring the school if a student needs to leave early. Staff will sign child out and send them out to the car park once parent arrives

There will be no full school assemblies during Level 2.
Team assemblies can go ahead if outdoors.

Any child or staff member who has a temperature or cold or flu like symptoms must stay at home and follow MoH advice re getting tested. If a child shows any of these symptoms at school, we will ring parents/caregivers to come and collect them. Staff members will also leave school if they get any of these symptoms while at school and follow MoH advice

Before and After school care with sKids will operate under Alert Level 2 for those children who are registered. These children will go straight to the hall at the end of the day and follow the H&S guidelines provided by sKids.

Hygiene and cleaning:

Our Peninsula Way teaching in the first week back will be about personal hygiene and keeping safe around others

Children will be reminded often about personal hygiene routines

Bathrooms will be cleaned during the day (x 2)

Contract cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with MOH guidelines after 4pm once all students/staff have left.

Additional disinfectant and paper towels / wipes will be available in classrooms for Students and teachers to sanitise high-touch surfaces etc. during the school day as required

Before using shared items (such as chrome books, iPads) children will sanitise hands

Other:

Graduation and celebrations - at this point we do not know if any events will go ahead in Term 4. We will make decisions once we know what level we are at when we go back and what the MoH requirements around group sizing is known.