

COVID-19
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Dear Parents and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou

The newsletter today gave an update about the COVID-19 situation at school. From this point any information regarding COVID – 19 will be sent to parents as an email that will then be copied onto our School website. I am doing this to develop a clear communication process with this situation, and limit confusion over information delivery.

The Board of Trustees have decided on a range of measures to ensure the safety of our school community. These include such things as cancellation of School and Team Assemblies, Buddy classes, Cluster and school sports, as well as increasing the supplies of cleaning solutions in classes. The Board also asks that if a member of your home has recently returned from travel and you have not followed the correct self-isolation advice, you should take the precautionary measure to protect those around you – your family, friends, and colleagues from contracting COVID-19, by also self-isolating you and your child for 14 days.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has provided more guidance on school actions. As soon as a case is confirmed in our immediate school community, the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform me about this, and we will work together to get quick and clear messaging out to you. The MOE have also recently listed nationwide COVID-19 responses progressing from Stage One to Five, the fifth and highest stage means all schools will be closed and this coincides with community transmission of COVID-19.

Our teachers are working on a plan to support student's learning for the long term; if the closure is for a short time then we will not provide that support. This will be advised depending on the situation.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and people are concerned for the wellbeing of our children. Please be assured that with no case confirmed in our school, your children are safe here.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicing good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Regards

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