

Morena Postgate School on this beautiful Sunday morning

I think we may all be used to this and while it is a bit of a pain, we have been very fortunate in New Zealand to enjoy long periods of normality; unlike many other countries. The message remains the same - Keep calm, stay cool, breathe; we've been here three times before and we'll be fine.

For Postgate, it is largely business as normal with our Alert level Two Health and Safety protocols thrown in.

Please remember, how we react will have a direct effect on our child. How we respond will have a lasting effect on our children.

With Auckland now at Alert Level 3 and the rest of Aotearoa at two for 7 days, this is how we'll be rolling at Postgate School...

The first and the most important point I'd want to make is that there is no need to panic or to keep your child at home. We have all been here before. Postgate School has this under control; we back our systems and our people.

Our key points:

1. Schools are open to everyone, and all children must attend.

We encourage all children to bring their own drink bottles as they will be discouraged to use the drinking fountains.

2. Schools are not classified as gatherings and a range of events and activities can go ahead.

Social distancing is not required at schools during Alert Level 2, for those people who work and learn at schools.

However, as we did last time, any mass gatherings, like assemblies, will not be held under Alert Level 2. Our Merit Assembly this Friday will not be held. We will push it out to next Friday 12th March.

3. Face coverings are not required at school or on any school transport.

4. Sick people must stay at home.

Please stay home if you are feeling unwell and seek advice from the Healthline – 0800611116

Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a new or worsening **cough**.
- **fever** (at least 38°C)
- **shortness of breath**.

- a **sore throat**.
- **sneezing** and **runny nose**.
- temporary **loss of smell**.

5. If you enter any building at Postgate, you must use the COVID Tracer app or sign the contact register

Please, only enter our school buildings only if it is necessary. If you require uniform, email us. If you want to talk with your child's teacher, email them. Or ring.

You can enter the school grounds, however, please remember the social distancing guidelines; smile, wave, be relaxed from a healthy distance.

6. Fundamental public health measures continue to apply at every alert level:

- Physical distancing (not touching and not breathing on each other at Alert Level 2)
- Hand hygiene
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces.

7. Have you returned your Device Agreement Form that was sent home earlier in the term? Who knows what the future might hold?

Please keep relaxed. If you are feeling unwell, get tested. We are here for you and your child.

And finally, please put your child at ease. We've been here before and smashed it.

Keep being awesome. Keep smiling and remember our reaction/s rub off on our children.

Any questions or concerns, please ask.

Enjoy this beautiful day.

"Together, We Learn and Achieve"

"Mā te mahi ngātahi, ka tū pakari te mātauranga"

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari, he toa takitini;
Success is not the work of one, but the work of many

Manuia le aso

Ngā mihi

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