

Kia ora Postgate School Community

Keep calm, stay cool, breathe; we've been here twice before and we'll be fine. How you react will have a direct effect on your child. How we respond will have a lasting effect on our children.

I assume most people have heard that Auckland has entered into Alert Level 3 and the rest of Aotearoa is at Alert Level 2 following on from the three community cases in South Auckland.

Our board chair and I have spoken tonight and our Health and Safety COVID-19 plan will kick into place tomorrow. This worked extremely well for us last time, and we adapted to the learnings we discovered.

The first and 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 unless your child has just started school. Postgate School has this under control; we back our systems and our people.

Key points following our Prime Ministers announcement tonight:

Alert Level 2 - All of New Zealand excluding Auckland region

Alert Level 2 applies from midnight tonight for 72 hours.

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 school powhiri tomorrow to welcome our student-teachers will not be held.

Our School Picnic this Friday is still on, however, if we are still at Alert Level 2 the picnic will be postponed or canceled if we cannot secure another date. We will know more in the next few days.

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. Please return your Device Agreement Form that was sent home on Friday. Oh, the timing of sending this home! We jinxed it eh? DOH!

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.

"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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