



Wharenui School



Motto: ONWARD

Kia ora, Hello, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Bula, Hola, Fakaalofa atu, As Salam Alaykom, こんにちは, Hallo, Hoy, ཨ ལ འོ, Hē leu, Mauri, न म त्, Ola , Chum reap suor, Kumusta, Nihao, Xin chào.

ALERT LEVEL 2

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

You'll be aware that all of New Zealand (with the exception of Auckland) is now operating Alert Level 2. Our thoughts and positive wishes are with everyone in Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland. Extensive wastewater testing and the numbers of people getting tested across the country has given the Government confidence that it is safe to allow a shift down to Alert Level 2 across most of New Zealand.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back onsite on **Thursday** morning. Please follow our drop off and pick up guidelines:

- Children are to arrive at school from 8.30am onwards. School devices need to be returned in their named box to the hall please.
- No parents are to come onsite unless absolutely necessary. Any parent that does so must fill out our contract tracing register form or report to the school office immediately.
- Staff and student leaders will be able to support our younger students to get to class if needed.
- At **2.50 pm** older siblings will meet the juniors (Rito Hub) on the court. Junior students/families will leave from here.
- At **2.55 pm** scooters and cyclists will leave via the staff car park exit. A pathway will be created to help with the safety of this.
- At **3.00 pm** everyone else will assemble on the court. Walkers will depart. Parents are able to wait on the basketball court by the fence and teachers will send your child/ren to you.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please do continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test). If you are not sure what all the rules are for alert level 2 when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

- [COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)
- [COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow. While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's kaiako (teacher) or me if there is something you need assistance with. See you all tomorrow!

Ngā mihi nui,
Tracey and the Wharenui Staff

