

Wednesday 17 February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Opaheke School

Kia ora koutou,

Thanks for your support

I was pleased to hear this evening that we are moving back to Alert Level 2 at 11.59 tonight. At Opaheke School we are already prepared for level 2 and the return of all students.

Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support you have shown through Alert Level 3.

School Opens for all Staff and Students

Thursday 18 February sees the school reopen at Level 2 for all staff and students. Once again, for this first day back students will go directly to class and not line up on the courts or the dragon. Parents and caregivers did a fantastic job last time of allowing your children build their independence by saying goodbye to them at the school entrance. As before we would like to keep the number of parents in the school to an absolute minimum. We do understand that for our newest students, parents will want to accompany their child and say goodbye to them outside the class.

Download the App

At Alert Level 2 the [NZ COVID Tracer App](#) will be available at the school entrance gates and parents wishing to enter the school site must use the app to scan the QR code or sign the register.

Hygiene and face coverings

We have a large supply of hand sanitiser the students will be required to use entering and exiting the class. We will also keep liquid soap topped up in the bathrooms. Children may also bring and use their own personal hand sanitiser. Children are familiar now with good cough and sneeze etiquette and parents will keep their children home if they are sick. If students present signs of illness while at school parents and caregivers will be contacted to collect their child(ren). We know that all the measures we have put in place will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at school. We will of course support them should they choose to do so. Bandanas are not to be worn. Buses to and from school will be running as they did last time. Children should not be sitting in the seats directly behind the driver and should sanitise when entering and exiting. Face coverings are not required.

Further Updates

Further details will follow before the end of the week, particularly around school events which may or may not be going ahead.

Be smart, stay safe and be kind to yourself and others while we see out the remainder of the higher levels. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Ngā Mihi,



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