

Friday 5 March 2021

Principal: Sean Valvoi

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Opaheke School

Kia ora koutou,

Much of the information in this update is repeated from the letter on 17 February when we last moved from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2. However, we have had new families start at the school since then and it doesn't hurt to go over information again.

Thanks for your support

I was pleased to hear this afternoon that we are moving back to Alert Level 2 at 6am on Sunday morning. Opaheke School are already prepared for level 2 and the return of all students on Monday.

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

School Opens for all Staff and Students

Monday 8 March sees the school reopen at Level 2 for all staff and students at the normal time. 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 their children to 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. This is one of the measures in place to help maintain safety for our community.

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. They are familiar now with good cough and sneeze etiquette and parents will be keeping 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. The drinking fountains will not be operating at Alert level 2 so, if possible, students are to bring their own water bottle to school.

Further Updates

Further details will follow early next week and in the Newsletter on Wednesday, 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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