

Monday 11th May 2020

Dear Central School Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu Whanau

### **Level 2 School Information**

Note - All information contained in the document is from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health advice.



The Government announcement today stated that our current status of Covid-19 Alert Level 3 will come down to Covid-19 Alert Level 2 as of Thursday 14th May.

The Prime Minister announced that schools will reopen under Level 2 on the first Monday after the country moves to Level 2.

**This means that school officially opens to all students Monday 18th May.**

### **Key Level 2 Operational Points of Information**

- For students who have a household member who is at-risk of serious illness, there is no reason for them not to return to school. The public health measures will minimise risk, including ensuring anyone who is sick remains at home. The expectation is that all children will return to school at Alert Level 2, with the exception of some students who are sick, or children who are self isolating with Covid-19 or due to Ministry of Health contact tracing requirements.
- Children who display any cold/flu symptoms are to stay home as a heightened precaution.
- Please email: [office@central.school.nz](mailto:office@central.school.nz) if your child/ren **will not be** attending school in person from Monday 18 May
- Teachers/staff can now move freely between groups of students whilst maintaining social distancing, working in a contactless way. Children can also do this.
- The Ministry of Health social distancing directive is that children and staff be far enough away from each other so as to be out of the 'warm breath' proximity of each other. There is to be no physical contact with each other, adults or children, however, with young children this will be a constant challenge. We will endeavour to adhere to social distancing guidelines as diligently as possible but be aware that your child may have come in contact with others during the day. Heightened hygiene practices at school will be used as will visitor contact
- **School's Out** will reopen at level two from Monday 18th May. Teachers will support by organising children to wash their hands before going School's Out.

### **Arrival At and Leaving School**

- Parents are encouraged to drop children off and not enter school grounds (due to contact tracing requirements). We strongly recommend that unless you are the parent of a Room 8 child, please drop your child at their usual drop off point.
- If parents come into the school to drop children off, they must write their name onto the class register (which will be in each classroom). This is required for contract tracing requirements.
- Parents maintain social distancing at arrival and departure times.

### **Hygiene Expectations**

- Regular cleaning, including daily cleaning of high-touch points will be in place to further support the health of staff and students. Communal areas will be regularly sanitised.
- Regular washing and drying of hands and good cough and sneeze etiquette remain fundamental to preventing spread of illness such as colds, flu and COVID-19
- Ensuring people with COVID-19 symptoms stay away from school
- Maintaining physical distancing where practicable
- Keeping track of people that enter the school – through attendance registers, and visitor (contact tracing) registers.
- Staff and Students sanitise hands every time they leave and enter a room.
- Drinking fountains will be closed. All children need to bring a drink bottle.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou - Mr. Johnson

