



Allenton School

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28th February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you will have heard we are back at Alert Level 2 and this will last for the next seven days.

This means we will follow the Alert Level 2 protocols at school first thing tomorrow morning.

The teachers will again talk with the children in their respective classes immediately after 9:00am.

For everyone at school it means social distancing as best as we can and making sure we focus on hand hygiene practices. We will also revert to separate break times for children and staff. Until we are back to Alert Level 1 we will not be having any whole school gatherings.

This means that Kapa Haka, the Full School Assembly (Friday morning) and the Family Fun Night (Friday evening) will not take place this week.

The Ministry of Education has informed us that it is still safe to send children to school at Alert Level 2. If children are ill they do need to stay away and if they become ill at school we will be asking you to come and get them. Sick children should remain away from school for at least 48 hours.

Contact Tracing

We are again allowing parents and caregivers to come onto the school grounds because we do not believe the roads directly outside the school are always safe for small children without their parents.

Any person coming onto the grounds must sign in using the NZ COVID APP **or** on one of the sheets displayed outside classrooms. There are a considerable number of tracer apps displayed around the school. Please be aware parents and caregivers that you must do this each time you come onto the grounds, but not if you are waiting outside one of the school gates.

Reminder

While it has only been two weeks since we were last at Alert Level 2 I would like to remind you (or inform you if you are new to our school) of several other key points as you arrive at school for drop-off or pick-up.

Before School (Drop-Off)

- Children should not enter the school site before 8:30am.
- Please maintain your physical distancing when you do come on-site.
- Children must go straight to their classrooms upon entry and remain there until the 9:00am bell.
- Hands must be sanitised at the classroom entrance.
- Parents are able to accompany their children to the classroom, but are not allowed to enter the classroom.
- Parents must leave the grounds immediately after that.

- If it is urgent for a parent to visit the office please ring (03) 308-6495 beforehand.

After School (Pick-Up)

- Parents can enter the school site no earlier than 2:50pm and must leave with their children by 3:10pm each day, to maintain the safety of our children and staff.
- Parents must wait by their child's classroom and practise physical distancing. No parents are to enter classrooms at any time.
- The playground areas (including courts and the field) are out of bounds for all children and families before and after school.

If you do need to come in during the school day please report directly to the office.

Please note that children can still scooter or bike to school, if allowed by parents. These can be parked in the usual racks, noting that there is a rack outside the middle classes specifically for the middle school children.

If there is a hint that we might have to move to Alert Level 3, as in Auckland, I will immediately write to you and find out which children would need to still need to come to school.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Nga Mihi Nui,



Bruce Tilby
(Principal)