



Kia ora koutou

As we come to the end of our second week back at school, I would like to thank our school families and whanau for supporting our school red light processes and helping to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are working hard to minimize the risk to our tamariki and staff while at school.

It has been quite an adjustment for staff and tamariki to wear masks during the day and stick to the areas allocated to them around the school, but everyone has been doing this without complaint and getting on with it. We are proud of the way everyone has adapted to the challenges 2022 has brought us all.

### **How Koraunui School will respond IF there is a positive case or cases of COVID-19 in our Kura**

Over the past week we have seen an increase in COVID cases around the country and yesterday we learnt that COVID has made its way into Stokes Valley.

We have been working to prepare our processes should we have a confirmed COVID case at our Kura. Below is some information about what would happen if there were confirmed cases at Koraunui School.

This comes from the guidelines the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health have developed for school. As we have done previously, we will adapt as the situation changes for us.

If there is a suspected or confirmed Covid case at school:

- Principal receives information that a school student or staff member MAY have COVID-19.
- Principal will immediately check with/get clarification from Public Health Unit (PHU) who will provide key information to the school (confirmation).
- The Principal will confirm positive case was infectious while at school.
- The school will immediately collate information regarding child's activity/movement at school (where the child was, what they were doing and identify close/casual contacts).
- Information will be sent to PHU

- As a precaution, those who have been in the same classroom/area/space as the confirmed case for the previous 48 hours **MAY** be asked to stay away, until PHU has worked through the information and the school has received public health advice.
- There is no testing requirement at this time for those individuals unless they are feeling unwell and are advised by Healthline or their GP to get tested.
- Our school will be provided with specific guidance based on the public health risk assessment as soon as it is available.
- Families of close and casual contacts will then be contacted by the school and/or PHU (**email or phone - please make sure we have your up-to-date information**). This will contain information about the length of isolation period and testing requirements.
- If children are required to stay at home/isolate, further information about online learning/home learning will be sent to you. We have online learning links on our school website. These can be accessed [here](#) or by clicking on the Learning @ Home button on our school website home screen.
- Ongoing contact with families about when they can stop self-isolating will be provided by PHU.
- We will undertake a thorough clean prior to the tamariki and staff returning onsite.
- Tamariki/staff then return to school once all clear is provided.

Our focus is on following guidelines provided to us and doing everything we can to help keep everyone at our Kura safe and healthy.

One of the challenges all schools are facing is how to cater for tamariki on-site at the same time as teaching those who are in isolation at home. This becomes even trickier if staff are off sick or isolating too. If we end up having many staff away, then it may be necessary to close the school for on-site learning for a period of time. Any decision about this will be made by our Board in consultation with the Ministry of Education and Public Health.

We thank you for your support with helping keep our Kura a safe place for all who enter it and hope that everyone has a good weekend ahead.

Ngā mihi nui

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