



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update Sunday 13.02.2022



Kia ora koutou

Planning and Organization for COVID Red Level for the week ahead

Today we have seen a significant increase in COVID cases around the country and we are aware that it has made its way into Stokes Valley.

Over the weekend we have been working to tighten up our school processes so we can ensure we are doing all we can to keep our tamariki safe while they are at school.

Please read the information below carefully as there are some changes that we are making for the week ahead.

All children are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

Everyone coming on site must

- check in via the **COVID Tracer App** or complete the paper register.
- Wear a mask at all times while on the school grounds.
- Follow the physical distancing guidelines.



Please wear a face covering and scan in

Start of Day Drop off and End of Day Pick-up

We are asking the parents/whanau to now drop off and pick up their children from the designated gates to avoid congestion and limit the number of people crossing areas within the school grounds.

Pick up points are as follows.

- Main School Gate – Rooms 7, 8 & 9
- Montgomery Street school gate – Rooms 13, 14 & 15
- Hall Entrance Gate – Rooms 23, 4 & 5
- Pick up for family groupings will remain the same- the oldest child is to collect siblings and then go to the youngest child's collection point. Older siblings must wear a mask.
- **Unfortunately, parents will not be able to come on site with their children UNLESS they need to come and settle their children into their class (i.e. children new to our school or those who need support to start the new school year).**
- Any children arriving at school between 8.30-9.00am will need to go straight to their classroom. Any children arriving after 9.00am will need to check in at the office.

ALL OTHER GATES AROUND SCHOOL WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

Separate areas around the school

We will maintain the separate areas for our school but will tighten up how we operate this so there is minimal cross over of staff and tamariki. Should we have a confirmed case of COVID in the school this will limit the risk of exposure across the school. The areas will remain the same as the past 2 weeks.

- Te Puāwaitanga o Te Kākano – Rooms 7, 8 & 9
- Fetu O le Moana – Rooms 13, 14 & 15
- Kauri Team – Rooms 23, 4 & 5

We will have separate areas of the school grounds where the children can play during break times. To reduce the risk to students and staff the children will not cross into other areas of the school.

When possible, children will eat outside as recommended by the Ministry of Education

Classroom Hygiene

- **Physical Distancing and Classroom ventilation** – In classrooms we will be making sure spaces are well ventilated by opening doors and windows. We will do what we can to ensure physical distancing, with our children in class and outside.
- We will do all we can to provide spaces and environments where children have appropriate space in classrooms and in the school grounds.
- All classrooms will be supplied with disinfectant, soap, hand sanitizer and towels.

Masks

- The Government is now **requiring** that masks (not face coverings) be worn at red level for children and staff in Years 4, 5 & 6 when indoors. Staff and students in Year 1, 2 & 3 classes are not required to wear masks while in classrooms.
- For children it is **recommended** that masks be a medical-grade mask. These include the widely available ‘blue’ medical-grade masks that many New Zealanders are already wearing.
- If children are able to bring masks with them to school, please do so and ensure they are clearly named. We will provide masks for children who do not have them in Year 4, 5, & 6.
- We are having regular mask breaks during the day so everyone wearing a mask can get some fresh air outside without wearing their mask.

KCC Before and After School Care & 2PM Club

- To align these services with how we are running the school, we will look to how we can organize before and after school care and 2PM Club so the tamariki remain with others from their area of the school and have supervisors from these areas too. We will provide more information about this on Monday 14 February.

Ngā mihi nui

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