



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update Friday 28.01.2022



Kia ora koutou

Planning and Organization for Omicron Red Level to start the new school year.

We have been developing plans for how we will work at red level as we start the new school year. In many ways this will be a continuation of the processes we put in place in 2021, but with some added safety measures that have been introduced for schools. We will follow the processes below for the first 2 weeks back at school and will review these to see if we need to make any changes moving forward.

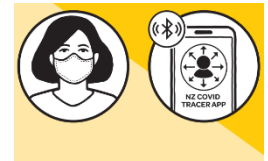
This is a less than ideal way for us all to start the new school year, but we will all need to work together to help keep everyone safe and well.

Please read the information below carefully as there are some changes that will be introduced from the first day of term.

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

- Children can enter school through the front gate on Kairimu Street or the back gate on Montgomery Street in the morning. *All other gates will be locked during the day.*
- **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.

End of Day Pick-up

- At the end of the day, we will have three pick-up points to avoid congestion. Pick up for family groupings - the oldest child is to collect siblings and then go to the youngest child's collection point.

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

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

Sick children are to stay at home

- If children are unwell, they should stay at home.
- If children display any signs of illness at school we will put them in the medical room and contact parents/caregivers to come and pick them up.

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. We have ordered a supply of masks to start the school year.
- 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 will work in regular mask breaks during the day so everyone wearing a mask can get some fresh air outside without wearing their mask.

Morning Tea & Lunch breaks

- We will be operating 3 bubbles over the first 2 weeks at school.
These will be in teams.
 - [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 bubbles.

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

Free School Lunches

- These will continue as these are individually packaged.

Breakfast Club

- This will not happen in the first 2 weeks of Term 1. We will have staff who will provide breakfast for children who require this in the mornings.

Drinking fountains

- These will remain closed. Children are to bring named water bottles to school.

THERE IS TO BE NO SHARING OF FOOD OR DRINKS AT SCHOOL.

Road Patrols

- Year 6 children will not be on afterschool road in the first 2 weeks of Term 1. Teachers will be on road patrol during this time.

50-cent Stalls

- There will be no 50 cent stalls under Red level.

Playgrounds and equipment

- Playgrounds, sports equipment will be available for use. Children will be encouraged to keep up distancing and hand hygiene practices. The school bikes will not be used in the first 2 weeks of Term 1.

No school assemblies

- We will not be holding assemblies or whole school gatherings at this point. Syndicate assemblies / hui / singing can take place outside with appropriate physical distancing being followed.

School Trips

- There will be no school trips at this stage during Red level. We will review this as the impact of the latest outbreak becomes clear.

NO toys to be brought to school

KCC Before and After School Care

- We will make a decision about how this will operate once we have an idea of numbers and inform parents of what processes we will follow.

2PM Club

- This will be operating on Wednesday and Friday. We will operate this in the bubbles used for break times with the children remaining in their separate areas of the school. If you wish your child to attend 2PM Club please complete the form by [clicking here](#)

Study Centre

- If you would like your child/children to attend Study Centre, please contact the office for a form. These will be handed out in class to students also. Study Centre will run from Monday to Friday for 1 hour immediately after school. This is for Year 4, 5 & 6 students.

- Depending on enrolments, we will look to have children from different school bubbles attend on different days of the week.

We thank you for your support with helping keep our school a safe place for all who enter it.

Ngā mihi nui

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