

School At Alert Level 2

Early Learning Services and Schools are open for all children and students to attend and it is <u>safe to do so.</u>

WHEN WILL SCHOOL BE OPEN?

Our kura will reopen for <u>all</u> tamariki and staff on the Monday after **Alert Level 2** is announced.

A **possibility** could be:

- The Prime Minister announces on Monday 11 May that we move to Alert Level 2 at 11.59pm on Wednesday 13 May.
- School would open on Monday 18 May for all students and teachers.

Please Note: This is a possibility and is dependent on Monday 11th announcement.

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

- Schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff. Additional public health measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.
- Distance Learning is available for those who are unable to attend school, for example, who are self-isolating for medical reasons.
- Schools won't open midweek they will open at the beginning of a week (hence, my communication about Monday 18)
- Good hygiene measures are important and so is keeping children at home who are unwell.
- In schools, physical distancing means maintaining enough space so that staff and children are not breathing on or touching each other. And maintaining good hygiene practices and regular cleaning.

Overarching Message:

"Schools will be open to all students and year levels at Alert Level 2 from the beginning of the next school week after the announcement is made. All staff will be able to be on site from the start of Alert Level 2, as will students who have been on site during Alert Level 3"



Physical Distancing

A school environment is controlled, we know who is at school, who they have been in close contact with and have good hygiene measures in place including regularly washing hands, including before and after using shared equipment.

Physical Distancing in schools means maintaining a physical distance so that children and adults are not breathing or touching each other - you literally get into someones breathing space. Covid is not measles or chickenpox, it doesn't hang in the air for hours waiting to infect passers-by. It travels on invisible drops of spit. You don't have to cross the street to avoid anyone. Just avoid getting in their 'moist breath zone'.

If you can **smell** someone's breath, you are too close. Get out of their **Moist Breath Zone** (MBZ).

Staffing

- Unless required to self-isolate on public health advice all employees are able to return to work on site.
- People at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (eg: those with underlying medical conditions) **can** return back to work.
- If someone is not able to return to work due to an underlying health concern, an appropriate medical certificate needs to be obtained.

Mass Gatherings

Educational facilities are not considered mass gatherings. This means there are no restrictions on numbers of people indoors or outside at schools. We will not be hosting a team or school assemblies yet.

Playgrounds

School playgrounds and sports equipment use and activities can resume. No contact sports to be played, eg: touch rugby or play fighting.

Bubbles

There is **no** bubble concept at Level 2, so there are no restrictions on groups of children and students mixing with others on site. However, at this stage, classes will not join across other classes.

End of the Day

This is detailed in the Whānau letter that has been shared with you. To maintain protocols, children are only to be released at the end of the day **when the bell rings**. Please do not send them out early (with the exception of the Van and ORS children).



Measures that must be taken in schools

- Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school, send them to the office.
- Children and adults should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in shared spaces.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds, but hygiene practices should be observed after playing with equipment.
- PPE is not required at Alert Level 2.

Specific Health Measures

- Wash and dry hands, cough into elbows, don't touch your face.
- Hand sanitiser on entry to classrooms and periodically throughout the day.
- If people are sick, they should stay at home.
- The Principal has the authority to preclude a student from attending school if they believe on reasonable grounds may have a communicable disease.
- Children do not need to sit in the same place every day.
- Classes will be thoroughly cleaned daily by the cleaners.

Routine

- First and foremost, the wellbeing of our tamariki (and ourselves) is important.
- Check in how are we?
- Provide routine and structure as this supports wellbeing.

Planning expectations for Week 5:

Monday - Wednesday (Distance Learning expectations remain the same)	 Daily morning video Daily Literacy Task Daily Maths Task Daily Class Zoom
Thursday - Friday	 Daily morning video outlining whānau tasks
Whānau Tasks (Monday- Friday)	 Lois - 5 tasks Leanne - 3 tasks Melissa - 5 tasks Mariane - 2 tasks



Road Patrol

For the first week, can those TAs who oversee Road Patrol, please do this as you normally would. At this early stage, children will not be on Road Patrol with you.

TEACHERS/TEACHER AIDES ON SITE: THURSDAY

- At this stage, we are thinking that we will start Thursday morning with shared breakfast at 8.30am for all staff
- 8.30am 3.30pm (teachers)
- 8:30am 12:30pm (support staff)

TEACHERS/TEACHER AIDES ON SITE: FRIDAY

- 9am 3.30pm (teachers)
- 9am 12pm (support staff)

Please note:

- Staff onsite working in Bubbles will be covered on Thursday and Friday.
- Please make arrangements for childcare as at this stage we can have no additional people on site.