

7 September 2021

Dear Parents / Family / Whānau

We are looking forward to welcoming back students and staff to our school premises on Thursday 9 September. Both the Tauranga Transport Network Group and the Regional Council have informed us that buses will be back on the road as per the normal schedules from Thursday morning. Please note that students over the age of 12 are required to wear a mask on ministry buses.

We will begin school at 8.45am with form time so we can acknowledge the loss of Dallin Loibl as a school community. This time will also be used to outline a consistent health and safety message to all students, as there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow.

Please know that the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow. We also ask that you do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected.

If you are not sure what all the rules are for Alert Level 2 when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

- [COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)
- [COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

I know that the next few days and weeks will involve a range of emotions as we seek to navigate our 'new normal' under Alert Level 2. The security for students and staff lies in the fact that we have no active cases in our community and, assuming good hygiene practices, and good self-responsibility, the chance of there being a possible Covid-19 case remains low. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to school on Thursday.

Sincerely



Russell Gordon