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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Whānau

As always, the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority for our school.

Over the last 4 days we have received notification that there are a small number of our students that have tested positive for Covid-19. We are actively contact tracing, and some of you may have already received notifications of possible exposures.

The time delay between getting a test, and the results coming back, continues to grow. This means that by the time you get the notification of a possible contact with a positive case, it may be due to an interaction many days ago. With this in mind, it is important that we as a community monitor for symptoms, and if your child is unwell, keep them home and have them tested.

If a student were to become a casual or close contact with a known positive case, the school will follow this process:

- Send a letter out with details of the last known contact with this case
- Provide information as to the next steps.

We apologise if you receive multiple letters, but this will be the result of your child being a possible contact of more than one known positive case. While you may already be aware of this contact, our goal is to provide as much information to our community as possible.

The Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education are regularly updating their contact tracing guidance to schools, therefore we are regularly revising how and who we contact.

Attached to this email is information that contains some of our most Frequently Asked Questions with some basic guidance as to what you as a family/whānau need to do.

Times are rapidly changing, and as they do, we will continue to share any new information with you.

Sincerely

Russell Gordon Principal