



Finlayson Park School Covid 19- Level 3 **Safety Practices- 24 April 2020**

As part of our plan to re-open the school on Wednesday 29 April we have used the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines to create a list of safety practices for when students and staff return to school. We are aware that people can die from Covid-19, and we want to keep our community, our school and staff as safe as possible. We urge parents to keep children at home, so that they can be kept safe within their existing bubbles. We will receive children of essential workers, if there is someone at home who can care for your children then this would be far safer for parents and your bubble.

Now that we have a list of those children who NEED to come to school, we cannot add other children to this list. Cut off is today. This will allow us time to ensure our school organisation can cater safely for those who NEED to be there.

The following will be in place during Alert Level 3,

- All children who are not booked in to attend school on Wed, 29 April 2020 must be kept at home until the end of COVID 19 Level 3.
- Contact tracing registers will be set up and will identify which children are in each teaching space, will record when and who they have contact with during the day if that changes.
- Keep physical distancing of 2 meters outside- 1 meter inside.
- When at school students will stay within their allocated school bubble of no more than 9 students and 1 teacher.
- Students are not permitted on the school grounds until 8.30am and must go straight to class. Teachers must walk students to the gate at 2pm (remembering physical distancing). **Note: no students to be playing on the courts before or after school.**
- Students will have staggered outside time and allocated areas to ensure safe practices.
- Hand sanitizer at entry to classrooms and bathrooms will have copious amounts of soap for safe hand washing

- Physical education activities cannot include sports with less than 2m physical distance or where the same equipment is touched by different students (balls, ropes, sticks, etc).
- Students will not be permitted to handle or play with sports equipment or on the school playgrounds.
- Drinking fountains will not be available. Children to provide their own bottle for water if possible or they will receive a named cup
- Staff and students are permitted to wear safety gloves and masks if they feel comfortable doing so.
- All School/Team Assemblies will be cancelled until further notice.
- All students who are attending school must bring their own morning tea, lunch and drinks. Tuck shop will be closed.
- All children who are kept at home will be encouraged to connect and learn online or complete the home learning packs under guidance of their classroom teacher. These will be available on the Thursday 30th April.
- The school will be cleaned daily and our students and staff will follow all Ministry of Health hygienic practices. Bubble areas will be sanitized twice per day also.
- Cleaning bottles, paper towels, and hand sanitizer will be provided to each bubble.
- No parents/caregivers, visitors and outside agencies are permitted to enter the school grounds unless you have contacted the school or the Principal beforehand (urgent matters only).
- The Principal will only be taking phone appointments from parents/caregivers.
- All other practices in relation to Finlayson Park Policies and procedures will still apply.
- Principal will decide who comes to school and who stays away or Vice Principal in her absence.
- School starts at 9am till 2pm. Children must NOT walk to and from school.

As you know the Government are asking that only the children who NEED to be at school should attend.

Thanks to those who gave us information about children staying home. 835 said staying home, 51 coming to school, 86 did not respond at all.

Stay safe in your own bubbles. Have a good ANZAC day

Noho ora mai.

Shirley Maihi: Principal.