

# FINLAYSON PARK SCHOOL COVID INFORMATION

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Namaste, Bulavinaka, Mauri, Zâoshang hão, 早上好.

We all know that the wellbeing of our students, staff and community is a top priority for our school but we also know that sooner or later we, like other schools will get cases of COVID19 and probably omicron.

OUR SCHOOL HAS PROCEDURES IN PLACE AND THESE ARE LISTED BELOW IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

It has happened! We were notified on Saturday 5th February, of a positive COVID case who had attended school only on **Tuesday 1st February 2022**. The case has been tested and has been isolating at home since then.

## **What we have done: (Under guidance from Ministry of Education)**

- We have informed the parents of all students in the case's class who were at school on Tuesday 1 February 2022.
- Parents were contacted and took their children for testing immediately.
- We are working to identify if anyone else was a **close contact**.

**We will remain open for all classes across the school.**

Your child has **NOT** been identified as a contact. Your child can still come to school.

If we get any further information from Ministry of Health.

I will inform you by newsletter and on the school website (not Facebook).

## **What you need to do:**

- Your whanau needs to watch for any symptoms. If any develop get tested and stay home till you get a result.

## **Symptoms of COVID19:**

- A new or worsening cough.
- Sneezing or running nose.
- A fever.
- Temporary loss of smell or taste.
- Sore throat.
- Shortness of breath.

For more information go to

<https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>

Please contact Principal by phone or text 027 695 0909 or (09) 266 5558 or email [smaihi@finlaysonpark.school.nz](mailto:smaihi@finlaysonpark.school.nz), if you have any questions.

## PROCESS FOR A COVID 19 CASE IN OUR SCHOOL

This will keep happening but we have processes in place. This is what will happen when we get notified of a positive case at school:

- 1) We will always inform you by letter and school website **as soon as we are notified by the Ministry of Health** of a possible COVID case.
  - a. If your child is in the same class we will inform you by letter and phone contact that your child is a CLOSE CONTACT. (Please ensure your phone contacts are correct in our school so we can do this.) The Ministry of Health will contact you and tell you what you will need to do.
  - b. If your child needs to be tested and possibly isolate we will always inform you. **Otherwise your child can still attend school as usual every day.**
- 2) If your child has to isolate for 10 days, there will be work available on our School Website for year 1-4 and students Year 5-8 will have online learning. You will be contacted by our “distance learning” teacher to set up work.
- 3) Our school follows the guidelines from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education so we have the correct information for you.

**We all need to remain calm and supportive of each other.  
The Ministry of Health are asking for you to get your children vaccinated  
as this is the best defence against COVID 19.**

Noho ora mai,



Shirley J Maihi QSM  
PRINCIPAL