

May 12 2020



Kia ora koutou

I am sure that you will be aware that the country will be moving from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2 from Wednesday at midnight. This means that from **Monday 18 May Kapakapanui School**, along with all schools around New Zealand will be open.

There are several public health measures which we must adhere to, these are:

1. **It is safe for all students and staff to return to school in Alert level 2. Schools are safe because hygiene habits will be strong and we will put into place safe and sensible practices.**
2. **The expectation is that with the exception of some students who are sick, all students will be attending at Alert Level 2.** Parents are asked to **keep any sick children at home**. If a sick child comes to school, we will contact parents to collect their child.
3. Children and staff 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. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1 metre should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
4. **Hand sanitiser** will be available at the entry to all classrooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms. Children will sanitise when entering and leaving the classroom.
5. We will be encouraging children to regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
6. Physical education classes and break time activities, including access to sports equipment, playgrounds and the library will resume as normal, however hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment.
7. We will disinfect and clean all surfaces daily. Our cleaners will be extra thorough cleaning surfaces, door handles and toilets.
8. Contact tracing registers will be set up to identify which children and adults are on site. We can do this via our administration roll system for staff and children, **visitors and parents on site will be required to sign the register.**

Please note that **there is no bubble concept at Level 2 so there are no restrictions** on groups of children mixing with others on site and children do not have to sit in the same place every day.

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We are moving Miss Higgins' class from the hall to Room 24 which will reduce numbers in the hall. The hall toilets will be available for use.

Drink bottles-please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school. There are sinks in all classrooms as well as drinking fountains where the bottles can be refilled.

We have **plenty of hand sanitisers and soap** in the classrooms and toilets.

For the first week at school while we are setting up our systems we will not hold morning hui or assemblies. This will be reviewed at the end of next week. At this stage we are not planning on staggering any of our usual school times or breaks.

Contact Tracing Register

We are required to keep a register of all visitors to school. A register will be placed in each room for parents to record their details. We do not require this if you do not enter the classrooms. Ideally we would prefer if children scootered, walked, rode bikes or were dropped by parents from their cars rather than parents entering school grounds. The less congestion the better.

The gates will be open at the beginning and end of the day and we ask that if parents do come to the school grounds that you keep 2 metres of physical distancing.

Can you please talk with your children about this and where possible use older siblings to help/guide younger ones. **Parents who do need to come into school please sign the register. Thank you**

Face Masks are not a requirement however children are welcome to wear these if they choose.

School transport will resume at the normal times on Monday 18 May.

School lunches will resume on Friday 22 May.

The teachers will be available as usual for appointments and catch ups. Please touch base with them if you have any queries, concerns or information to pass on. In the first couple of weeks back at school it will be important for us to focus on establishing routines and the class culture as well as getting back underway with teaching and learning. **Please note that distance learning will stop this Friday, 15 May.**

Thank you again for your support over the last few weeks!

Please feel free to contact me via email craig.vidulich@kapanui.school.nz or call me directly on 027 407 8834 if you have any questions or queries.

Ngā mihi nui,

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