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Kia ora e te whanau,

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister confirmed Level 2 for NZ will start on Thursday. For all schools however that means we will officially be open from next Monday 18th May. We look forward to welcoming you all back.

Although we were technically open throughout Level 3, we encouraged and supported whanau to continue and keep tamariki learning from home. Thank you for this support.

The Prime Minister has now advised NZ that in Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff. Additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

There will be some whanau however, wanting to keep their tamariki at home during Level 2 and continue to be learning by distant learning. There are some sound reasons such as health for making this decision and we will work with our whanau to encourage the best decision for all. Please discuss this with your child's kaiako or contact me direct if there are concerns.

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At Te Kura Rautau, we will be following the Public Health Guidelines to minimise risk to all, once School opens under Level 2.

The precautionary guidelines we will be operating under at Level 2 will be as follows:

Applies to everyone

- If you or your child have a cold or are unwell, please do not come into kura. Notify us by phone or txt to confirm your tamariki will be absent.
- People are not to walk through the School grounds during School operational hours to drop things off to their child or are passing through. (8am – 3:30pm) This rule only applies during open School days and times.

Whanau, Visitors, Adults

- On arrival in mornings to drop off tamariki, whanau are asked to remain in vehicle unless necessary
- For pick-ups, please remain in your vehicle and await your tamariki.
- If required to get out of your vehicle or are conducting activities or business at kura - All whanau, adults and visitors must call into the School Office to sign in (this is used as a tracking precautionary measure)
- All visitors are encouraged to use sanitiser provided at the Admin Office
- Drop offs of kai; items or messages are to be left at the School Admin Office for distribution

Tamariki

- On arrival at School in the morning, tamariki are asked to go directly to their classrooms.
- As tamariki enter the classrooms, use the hand sanitiser that will be available on arrival. (Your class Kaiako will be in class to support this new change)
- Tamariki are required to not make any physical contact with friends, staff or other adults once at kura. (refer to the 'moist breath zone' distance when around others)
- Tamariki are asked to follow the safety procedures for keeping safe in areas such as playground; multi-purpose room; classroom and around the kura. (These will be shared by Kaiako in class during Level 2). Posters are also on display around the kura.
- At the end of the School day, senior tamariki by classes will be leaving at slightly earlier times to avoid large numbers in one area at any given time. (this will be adjusted depending on how well it is managed) Some tuakana will then wait for siblings near gate exit to support teina.

At the kura

- The Admin staff will manage any students who fall ill whilst at School. Contact will be made to whanau to inform and request their child to be picked up.
- All Kaiako will continue to record attendance for those at School and those continuing with distant learning. (please keep the kura informed for all absence reasons)
- Good hygiene practices and regular cleaning will occur for high use areas. The kura will continue to be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each afternoon once School has finished
- All sports team coaches or tutors are requested to keep a roll of participants for tracking
- Everyone within the kura is responsible to follow the guidelines and protocols plan. (based on the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines)

The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second is to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in our kura is infected.

Avoiding getting in the 'moist breath' zone' will be one of the challenges to maintain a safe distance for everyone. In preparation for starting back at kura, we encourage whanau to work with their tamariki to help them understand what this is.

*I thought this video is **too good not to share** – 'Moist Breath Zone: NZ guidelines for children going back to school after Covid-19 quarantine' by Lake Brunner School Principal, Shirley Serban.*

We encourage that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19. For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

We have a comprehensive management and protocols plan that is available for you to view. If you have any questions about this, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact either your child's Kaiako or me personally.

We hope you are informed and reassured that we take the safety of your tamariki, the staff, our whanau and community seriously. We look forward to seeing your tamariki return to kura under the new Level 2 guidelines on Monday 18th May.

Nga manaakitanga ki a koutou katoa

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