

# CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

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## COVID 19 LEVEL 2 – MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 RESPONSE

Kia ora e te whanau,

Adjusting to what looks like a new norm with Covid Level changes. This is something we must all do as a country and we again ask our whanau for your support. The Covid 19 Level 2 alert will remain in place until next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

We will take the precautionary actions under Level 2. This will not affect our visit to Maungatautari for Waka Ama as we fall under the total number of 100, so we can confirm our kura will still be attending. There will be no one else at this venue apart from the Office and site manager.

The Level 2 requirements are detailed below:

At Covid 19 Level 2, we still need to have students coming to kura. We will work with students to help them prepare for what this will mean and preparing for any future changes.

The kura have prepared in case of an increase in Covid Level 2 to Level 3 or 4 for our area. We have chrome-book devices and I-pads that can be distributed immediately. Should this be required, we will outline the details then to inform whanau. In class, Kaiako continue to work with all students so they understand how learning will work from home in these worst-case scenarios.

Our senior students attending TKHS for technology on Thursday's will continue and will follow the clear guidelines & protocols in place.

Kaiako at Te Kura Rautau are well prepared for a Covid response to ensure the learning of your tamariki is not affected too much.

The below guidelines are directly from the Ministry of Education to help whanau understand what actions we all need to take for areas outside of Auckland. Thank you for your understanding during Level 2 as we all work together to keep ourselves safe.

We will keep you posted as more information comes through from the GOVT and the MOE.

The Ministry of Education have detailed the following information which affects our kura this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021:

### **Can we still go to camp in an alert level 2 region?**

Yes. Field trips and school camps can potentially go ahead but will need careful planning.

Along with our usual risk management approach we will need to consider:

- symptoms of COVID-19 (which may be similar to other illnesses in the early stages).

- the importance of protecting those vulnerable to respiratory illness –if you are a volunteer or your child is at greater risk, do we know about this – please let us know prior to any trip
- if someone were to become ill with a serious illness, are we able to respond to that, including the ability to isolate that person while we seek advice from a medical professional?
- do we have appropriate personal protective equipment and the ability to clean hard surfaces if someone were to become ill with flu, gastro bug, COVID-19 etc?

We will work closely with the venue in Maungatautari to ensure that any requirements for COVID are understood and can be met.

### **All of New Zealand excluding Auckland region**

Alert Level 2 applies as follows.

- At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There will be appropriate precautions in place.
- Children and staff who are at higher-risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.
- Please be alert to illness and ask anyone who is presenting as unwell to go home or ask parents and caregivers to come and pick the child up.
- Messaging about good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette to be reinforced.
- Soap and water is very appropriate for washing hands, particularly if hand sanitiser stocks are low.
- For schools, children, young people 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 and reasonable 1 meter can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- In early learning there does not need to be a measurable physical distance between children/ tamariki or children/tamariki and staff. However, adults should where practicable use 1 meter as a guide between themselves and other adults.
- Physical distancing of 2 meters is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).

**Masks:** Masks are not required at schools and early learning services at Alert level 2 but some whanau may wish to have them worn.

- We support our community by displaying the QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.

Please contact the kura if you need further information. At Level 2, we encourage whanau to have tamariki at kura. Please advise us so we can make arrangements to meet your needs.

More detailed information can be found [HERE](#)

Ngaa mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

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