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Newsletter explaining Wednesday Nov 17, Plan of return to school learning.



Tena Koutou Katoa, Namaste, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Talofa
lava, Bula Vinaka, Salaam Alakum, Hello,

Thank-you to all of you who read and responded to the survey. Parents/caregivers, whānau/fanau, you will choose what is best for your own families and choose whether you send your children to school on Wednesday or keep them at home. Each family knows what is best for them. Through the MOE we continue to follow the [science](#).

We are looking forward to returning to school; kanohi ki te kanohi (Face to face). **Considering the numbers currently returning we will re-open with all teachers onsite. There will be no provision for online learning. We will ensure your children are safe in the following ways:**

1. Your child must be masked, if at all possible, from the car to their classroom for drop-offs between 8:45 - 9:15am each day. (This will lower the risk of cross-contamination of school bubbles).
2. Senior Team staff will manage drop off zones. No adults other than staff will be allowed onto the school grounds. Please respect this.
3. Children will work with their normal teachers, as much as is possible, in their normal spaces.
4. Teachers will mask with their classes during the day. Hand washing/drying will be practiced and encouraged throughout the day.
5. Breaks will be shortened and in two distinct groups. Outside play is less hazardous than inside play.
6. Students will have longer times in teaching sessions, so the day will be shortened **to 2:30pm**.
7. Please pick-up your children at 2.30pm. They will wear their mask to your car, or out of the school. Please do not try to pick them up from their classroom. All gates will be locked. Senior staff members will manage end of day routines.
8. Rooms will be sanitized at the end of each day.
9. Staff will vacate the school at the earliest opportunity each day.
10. Please do not send sick or snuffly children to school. **Do not send children to school if a household member has covid or is awaiting test results. Please advise the school if there is a suspected case in the family.**
11. For sick children at school - parents will be contacted. On arrival can the caregiver please contact the office by phone, and the child will be escorted to them. If picking up a sick child enter via the Croydon Road entrance.
12. As a result of this lockdown the pool will be closed. There will be no after-school service. The tuckshop will not be operating. Please return all devices lent on Day 1, November 17. Your child can hand them to their teacher.

We appreciate that not all parents will be comfortable sending your child/ren back immediately. We have sound health measures in place including mask wearing for students from Year 4 to 6 and for all staff, windows will be kept open for ventilation, outside learning will be arranged where possible, segregated play areas and ample hand sanitiser is available.

We are working on the assumption Aotearoa, New Zealand is among the safest countries in the world with the highest rates of vaccination. All staff are vaccinated. Your respect for this plan will best ensure the safety of your child. Please don't return with your child if you are not prepared to respect these rules.

We look forward to our students, your tamariki being back on site for their emotional, mental and educational health. I look forward to seeing all students returning on Wednesday, 17 November

Nga mihi nui
Donal McLean

If you wish to edit your responses on the survey as a result of this newsletter please do so now using the original link you were sent. The more accurate our understanding of numbers is, the better organised we will be.