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Post survey Newsletter 14 Nov.

Tena koutou katoa te whanau o Fruitvale,



Thank-you for your patience and cooperation as we work to best serve the needs of your tamariki / whanau. These are unprecedented times with many competing needs having to be met. We have made plans based on advice we have received from the government and heard from you as a community and having assessed the staff availability while also taking into account family circumstances in all these situations.

Based on the numbers of individual children we received 242 child based responses. 82 Children were stated as not coming back on Nov 17. 160 children were stated as coming back plus 10 new entrants. We do not know what 81 children are doing. We are assuming these 81 are not returning so that we can plan classes, spaces and teachers. No class group is currently allowed to be over 20 children. Our priority is getting children back at school with friends and teachers that are familiar, that have the best relationship and so also the best chance of growing routines of teaching and learning that will best meet their needs and ensure their well being.

We are developing a plan for continuing online learning. This will be structured differently to ensure staff are not overloaded. We will have all children online in either one of two junior online groups or in one senior online group. This is so that we can minimize the personnel that are required to respond to the children using this service. This will be seesaw based.

We are aware that the start and finish times are the times we have least control over and where you can help us the most.

To minimize the possibility of contagion we want all children into the grounds in the tightest window of time 8:45-9:15am, and all masked as much possible. These are two layers of mitigation that we can put in place only with your help.

We realise if you have to work you should come in the earliest group. If you are able to work at home, you shift work or are not working then you could drop off between 9:00-9:15am, that would ease the stress at the gates and in the drive.

Pick up is at 2.30pm from the Fruitvale Road entrance drop-off zone. All students walking home will leave at 2:30pm. Please be patient and **do not get out of your car**. All children need to be off the school grounds by 3pm. There will be no staff on site after 3pm to look after children.

This won't be perfect but we hope it will help us to alleviate congestion.

If this letter has changed your mind about the return for your family the Google survey will remain open until 4pm today. Please use this time to change your response.

We appreciate your feedback, patience and help.

We are one of the most highly vaccinated and safest countries in the world. We are lucky to be here, at this time, with this circumstance. Hopefully as we adapt to our newest normal we will have done so with the best of regard for each other and it will have strengthened us as a community. And please you are welcome to email me if you have any concerns, as is usual.

Nga mihi nui
Donal McLean