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COVID Monday Dec 6, Update levels of mitigation



Tena Koutou Katoa,

We continue to follow the [science](#) as we update our structures for learning on site. We expect to keep all staff and students safe.

We are working on the assumption we are the safest country in the world with the highest rates of vaccination. All staff are fully vaccinated.

Kanohi ki te kanohi (Face to face) school has been going really well. Children and staff have been very happy and we are managing situations as they arise. ***With that in mind and to be very clear; if your child has any cold or flu like symptoms then they will need a negative test before returning to school.***

Could you send the evidence of these to the school office: office@fruitvale.school.nz

We are open and we welcome any children back to full time or part time learning. Please let us know a day or two before they return so that we can ensure safe classroom spaces for everyone. We continue to ensure your children are safe in the following ways:

1. Drop-offs between 8:45 - 9:15am each day. Children are masked from the car to their classroom (This lowers the risk of cross-contamination of school bubbles) Children and cars will be turned away who are not masked.
2. Senior Team staff managing drop off zones. No adults other than staff come into the school grounds.
3. Children work with their usual teachers, as much as is possible, in their normal spaces. All spaces have good airflow.
4. All teachers wear masks in their classes during the day. Y4-6 students mask during learning times.
5. Hand washing and drying is practiced and encouraged throughout the day.
6. Teacher Aides are assigned to class groups and stay with them until the end of year.
7. Reading Recovery continues online.
8. Breaks are shorter and in two distinct groups
Yr 4-6 breaks: 10:30-10:50 and 12:20-12:40
Yr 1-3 breaks: 10:55-11:15 and 12:45-1:05
9. The day is shortened to 2:30pm.
10. Children are picked up the same way they were dropped off.
11. Clean down rooms at the end of the day
12. Staff will vacate the school at the earliest opportunity each day.
13. Parents are being asked not to send sick or sniffly children to school. A negative test is required to return to school. Evidence to the office please office@fruitvale.school.nz
14. Sick children will have their parents contacted. Parents come through the Croydon Road entrance to pick them up.

Parents choose what is best for their families and choose whether they send their children or keep them at home. Each family knows what is best for them. The parent community of Fruitvale is highly vaccinated, all staff on site are fully vaccinated. We strongly encourage our students back on site for their emotional, mental and educational health.

All the best for the lead up to Christmas and New Years

Nga mihi

Donal McLean

Principal