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Message to teachers and parents about returning to school in Phase 3 Omicron

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Dear parents, caregivers and teachers,

Our country moves into phase 3 of the Omicron response from midnight tonight. This changes things for students and teachers isolating at home. I have sought Ministry of Education advice and can provide this information.

Close Contacts:

If your child has been isolating at home as a Close contact and:

- there is no one in your household who has had a positive Covid test result and is isolating.
- and**
- your child has no Covid symptoms

they may return to school tomorrow. Nau mai! Haere mai!

Household Contacts

If there is a positive Covid case in your home, your child will be a Household contact and will need to isolate with their household for 10 days, and follow Ministry of Health guidelines. They **cannot** return to school until this process is completed. Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) test results are accepted at schools and PCR testing is no longer required.

We need parents, and carers to be very vigilant about keeping your child home, if your child has any Covid symptoms. We will request you collect your child from school immediately, if we notice any symptoms at school. They need to stay home until they have a negative test result.

We also need parents, carers and teachers to support our senior students (who do not have exemptions) to wear a mask indoors at school.

This has been a difficult time with constant changes. I would like to thank our community for your patience, support and understanding. I hope things will be more consistent for all of us, and that you are confident to send your tamariki to school. We continue to keep all precautions and protocols in place at Fruitvale School.

Nga mihi

Hine Viskovich (Acting Principal)



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