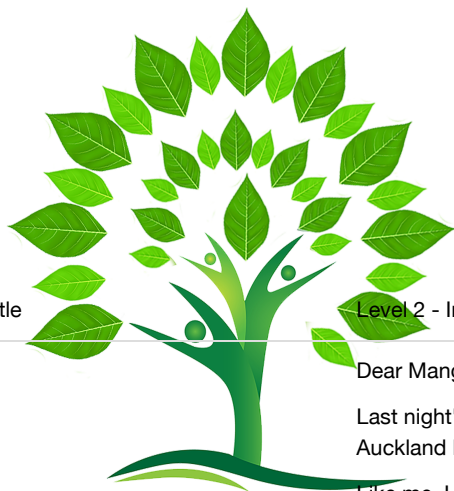


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Level 2 - Information - 12/8/20



Dear Mangaroa Whanau

Last night's announcement by the Prime Minister regarding the confirmation of community transmission in Auckland highlights our ongoing need to remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19.

Like me, I am sure the announcement triggered memories of the experiences we shared earlier in the year. No doubt this will also be the case for your tamariki as they awake to news of COVID-19 once more. Please join me in reassuring your children that they will remain safe if we follow the precautions we have been following at home and at school.

As we have experienced previously, the Prime Minister has reminded us that in **Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff**. This, combined with the additional public health control measures we will be reinstating from midday today all aim to prevent the transmission of the disease in our region.

The key Public Health approach under Alert Level 2 is to minimise the risk of someone getting infected in the first place. In addition, we must ensure we can identify and contact trace anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone within our school community is infected.

TODAY

- Three-Way conferences have been Postponed (rescheduling information will follow)
- School will still close at 1.00pm as many parents have made prior arrangements. However staff will be onsite as usual for students that remain at school.
- The school bus will leave at 1.00pm as arranged
- School Pick up times and places - Stated below (as of this afternoon)

As we have highlighted in our previous approaches, you can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who has entered our school grounds, who our staff and students have been in close contact with and will be taking the appropriate measures to ensure everyone remains safe.

Attached to this email you will find the Mangaroa School Procedure Plan for Alert Level 2. This details what the School will look like at Alert Level 2. The key points relating to this move include:

- Under Alert Level 2 parents and caregivers will be encouraged to remain outside the school grounds unless absolutely necessary. Drop offs should take place before parents and caregivers get to the school gate and ideally a reasonable distance away, to limit large numbers of people congregating. If parents do need to come on site they will be required to sign the visitor register at the gate or via the Tablet at the school office. This is required by the Ministry of Health for possible contact tracing.

Parents are asked to "drop off and pick up" at the following sites and times:

Drop Off

Students are to be dropped off after 8.30am - Any gate

Pick Up

Rooms 1 & 5 - Collection will be at 2.45pm at gate 1 - The office gate.

Room 2 - Collection will be at 2.45pm at gate 2

Seniors - Collection will be at 3.00pm at gate 3 - The bus gate

Where possible there should be one person designated for pick up and drop off and we ask that you physically distance yourself in accordance with the Alert Level 2 guidelines.

Please be respectful of this as drop off and pick up is the '**most likely**' chance of Covid-19 entering the school grounds.

- Visitors, including parents and caregivers, should maintain a physical distance from those who are not part of either their household or workplace/school bubble. This includes during drop off and pick up.
- Physical distancing has been an important precaution to prevent the spread of disease. We do however know it is challenging in schools, so good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are even more important for our environment. This includes staff and students coughing into their elbows, regular handwashing and routine cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- Under Alert Level 2, we will continue to advise any students and staff to **stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms of illness.**

- Drinking fountains will be out of bounds. Students will need a named drink bottle at school.

We continue to need your support! It's important that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.


For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/> (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>)

We will be in touch again soon to update you on our plans once we get confirmation of a change in Alert Level. In the meantime, continue the good work. Stick to your bubbles and begin your own preparations for Alert Level 2.

Ngā mihi

John and Mangaroa Team

Attachment

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