

Fairburn School

Level 2 - School open Thursday 18th February



Dear Parents, whanau and caregivers,

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our children **tomorrow Thursday 18th February**.

Our main goal is to make sure all children and staff are safe and to help children re-establish friendships, school routines and enjoyment for learning.

At Alert level 2 all children are required to attend school unless they are self-isolating due to illness or compromised immunity. Please contact the school if your child is unable to attend school.

It is important to let you know how school will operate in Alert level 2, as we have strict Health and Safety procedures that all staff, visitors, children and whanau have to follow.

- Any children who are sick must remain at home, if they show signs of sickness they will be asked to be collected from school.
- School gates will open from 8.00am - 9.00am. All gates will be locked between 9.00 am till 2.40 pm. The only access, during this time, will be through the Pukeora Rd gate for emergencies. Visitors who come on site need to report to the office first, **scan in using the NZ COVID tracer app**, sanitise and follow the Level 2 Health and Safety procedures.
- Children who arrive before 8.15am will sit in a designated area and then will be able to go to their class and then go and play.
- To avoid congestion at school, we **strongly encourage families** to say farewell to their children at home / car / school gate or a designated pick up point and **not enter the school site**. This will be the same arrangement in the afternoon. There will be staff members at each gate during these times.

In unforeseen situations where parents have to come onto the school grounds (e.g. to settle a child in the classroom) information needs to be recorded for contact tracing purposes through the NZ COVID tracer. At the end of the school day if a child is unable to meet at the pickup point / car, then a parent can go to the classroom at 2.40pm.

- Children who normally walk to and from school can continue to do so.

- Ministry of Education Physical distancing guidelines will be followed for children at school. 1m where practical - keep out of the breathing zone of others.
- Regular cleaning of high touch points will take place during the day.
- There will be monitored regular washing of hands during the day; arrival at school, before eating, after playing, after toileting and after sneezing or coughing.
- The drinking fountains are closed so all children need to bring a drink to school.
- The school lunchroom will be open for morning tea and lunch ordering (no over the counter sales)
- Enrolments will take place after 9.00am. New entrant children will need to complete 2 visits with a family member so they are comfortable and happy in their new environment.

We appreciate your help over this 72 hour lockdown.

We ask that you continue to support us in keeping all children safe by following the points mentioned above.

If you have any questions please email info@fairburn.school.nz

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Paula Passfield

Principal