

Wednesday 26th August

Dear parents and whanau,

We are looking forward to welcoming back all of our children back to school on Monday 31st August .

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

In Alert Level 2, all children are required to attend school unless they are self-isolating due to illness or compromised immunity. If your child is not going to be returning to school please email us info@fairburn.school.nz and we will be in touch with you directly.

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 attend school and show signs of sickness you will be asked to collect them from school.
- School gates will open from 8:00am - 9:00am. All gates will be locked between 9.00 am till 2:40pm. 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 and follow Health and Safety protocols.
- Children who arrive before 8:15am will sit in a designated area. At 8:15am children will go straight to their classroom and remain there till the school day starts.
- 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) their details will be taken for contact tracing purposes. At the end of the school day, if a child is unable to meet at the pickup point / car because they are a new entrant, then a parent can go to the classroom at 2:40pm again details will be taken at the gate.

- Children who normally walk to and from school can continue to do so.
- There will be staggered breaks for morning tea and lunchtime so that there are less children in the playground at one time and there will be set areas where the children will be allowed to play.

- Ministry of Education Physical distancing guidelines will be followed for children at school. 1 metre where practical - keep out of the breathing zone of others and no touching.
- Many school events and gatherings that were booked in for this term have been cancelled or postponed until we move to Alert Level 1. We will communicate with you as soon as we are able to reschedule these events including assemblies.
- 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.
- Enrolments in the first week will take place after 9:00am. New entrant children will need to complete two visits with a family member so they are comfortable and happy in their new environment.

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

Thank you so much for all your support over the last two weeks and for assisting your children while they have been learning at home. A reminder that **all resources including school devices are due back to school on Monday 31st August please bring them straight to the meeting room (next to the staff room).**

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

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Paula Passfield

Principal