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10th November, 2021

Kia ora koutou,

I hope all is well with you and your whānau. The Government has announced we will be able to welcome more tamariki back onsite under Alert Level 3 from next Wednesday 17th November.

There is a survey at the end of this email that you need to complete.

Please read through the information below which outlines how Fairburn School will be operating during this time. If your child is already attending full time, they will continue to.

For other children returning, we may need to manage the numbers of students attending each day to keep everyone safe.

What this will look like:

- We may need to limit the number of tamariki and staff onsite each day
- We will keep those onsite in separate groups
- Your child may not be with their regular teacher or class
- We'll ensure our classrooms are well ventilated
- We'll continue to practice physical distancing where possible

In addition to this, all staff and children in Years 4 and above are required to wear face coverings indoors (unless they have an exemption), and all staff (and external contractors) who are on site are fully vaccinated or will have had had at least one dose of the vaccine and return a negative weekly test.

What you can do to help:

- Stay at home if you or your child is sick

- Parents/ whānau will not be allowed on site unless in an emergency
- Wear a face covering and maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble
- Get advice from your doctor if you or your child has complex medical needs (and please get in touch so that we can support your child to return onsite, wherever possible)

The main focus for our time will be to make children feel comfortable and confident returning to school, our work will be centered on wellbeing and reconnecting .

Please note, we'll continue to support learning from home for those tamariki who will not be attending onsite.

- Some online learning will be available till the end of week 7
- Home learning packs will continue to be provided for the term

To plan for the return to school we need all whānau to let us know if their child / children will be returning to school for the rest of the year.

Please complete the following survey before Friday 9.00am

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KR36QKM>

I will send an email out early next week which will outline how we plan to organise the return to school and what children will need to know before next Wednesday.

We would encourage you to talk to your child about what our plans are and why this is happening.

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact me by email principal@fairburn.school.nz

We look forward to seeing you back at school next week.

Take care, keep well.

Paula Passfield

Principal
