



FAIRBURN SCHOOL

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Return to school information

Dear parents and whānau

We are all looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday. In this newsletter we have information about:

- ❖ Red setting safety measures
- ❖ What your child needs at school each day
- ❖ What you can do to help during to support the return to school
- ❖ Fairburn School launches Seesaw across the school.

Our main priority is to ensure our children and staff are safe during this time, we will be following the following safety measures.

- Any staff or children who are unwell must stay home and contact their GP for advice
- There will be no mixing of classes and there will be designated break areas for set classes and a staggered leaving time.
- Our classrooms will be well ventilated - doors, and windows will be always open.
- Staff will encourage our students to practise physical distancing where possible.
- All staff and Y4 - 6 children are required, and year 3 are strongly encouraged, to wear masks indoors.
- Strict hand-washing hygiene and hand sanitisation processes will be followed.
- If we get a confirmed Covid-19 case we will follow advice from the Ministry of Health

Mask wearing at school

- Students in Year 4 – 6 and all staff are required to wear a face mask while indoors, unless the child/ren has a medical condition/exemption and will need a note from the doctor.
- As we have year 3/4 composite classes, we strongly encourage year 3 children to wear masks.
- Eating and drinking without a mask will occur outside.
- Teachers are required to monitor and enforce this mask wearing requirement as per the MOH/MOE guidelines.

Only staff, tamariki and contractors onsite.

For the safety of all at Fairburn, we will not be allowed to have parents or whānau on site, in an emergency the Pukeora Rd gate will be monitored, and a staff member will attend to your needs.

Please wear a mask if you are anywhere around where the children and families and follow physical distance practices.

Drop off and pick up procedure .

During this time families have to say farewell to their children at home / car or a designated pick-up point and not congregate in groups.

We have different gates you can use Petrie Place, the pedestrian walkway off Pukeora Rd to Ronaki Road, Fairburn School pedestrian gate and the field gate. This will be the same arrangement in the afternoon. There will be staff members at each gate during these times.

The school gates will open at 8.20 am, children will arrive and go directly to their classroom where they will stay, they will not be allowed to play outside. It is important your child is on time. The gates will be locked at 8.55 am the only entry after this time is through Pukeora Rd.

At the end of the day to avoid big groups at the school gate we would like the junior children and their siblings to be collected at 2.30pm . Please email your teacher your child's name and gate if you would like this to happen.

Seesaw for sharing learning and communication

This year the whole school will be using Seesaw as a tool to share learning and for communication with whānau. Your teacher will send information about how to access the account. This app will be used if your child may need to learn from home e.g. has complex medical needs or has been asked to isolate from advice from the Ministry of Health

What will my child need to bring to school every day?

- A mask (year 3-6) if your child does not have one, they will be given one from our school supplies
- Lunch and morning tea each day or money for lunch as the lunchroom will be operating each day
- A drink bottle of water as drinking fountains will not be available
- Every child will need to bring their sunhat and weather permitting will be spending time outdoors

What can you do to help?

- Watch the following video – Returning to Fairburn School safely with your child <https://clickv.ie/w/18as>
- Talk to your child about what a school day will look like, especially if they have to wear a mask for most of the day
- Ensure the teacher is aware of your child/ren's pick up arrangements please email prior to school starting .
- If you are near school , wear a face covering and maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble
- Anyone who is unwell, self-isolating, or who has been advised by health authorities to remain at home while they wait for their COVID-19 test results, must stay home. Contact the school office if your family is in this situation.
- Download the Seesaw app on your device, follow the steps to create a family account if needed

Once again, the return to school will be very different and possibly quite challenging for parents, whānau, and children. We have prepared well for this but are aware that arrangements might need to be changed as we go.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support

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