



Ko te kura, ko te hāpori, ko tātou
Toward community inclusion

12.8.20

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

As you will all be aware we will be moving back into Alert Level 2 at 12 noon today. It is a time that will be unsettling for everyone, especially our students and we hope to ensure a smooth transition at school.

We have reactivated our Alert Level 2 Plan this morning and this information can be found on our website www.allenvale.school.nz

The following implications apply to our school day:

- School outings to the community (e.g. Malls), bussing programmes, work experience has been suspended
- Students will be able to head out on van trips but not able to get out of the van
- Students are able to walk around the block with staff, keeping physical distance from the public
- Classes will be able to walk to designated local community playgrounds. If members of the public are present we will maintain social distancing and avoid using the equipment at the same time
- Hand washing and sanitising will occur before and after playground activities and on entry and exit to the classrooms and taxis
- Class teachers will continue to reinforce safe sneezing and coughing protocol and hand washing procedures

We ask that children who are unwell with respiratory symptoms of cold or flu remain at home until they are symptom free.

The following information was received from the Ministry of Education (12th August):

Alert Level 2 applies from midday today.

- *At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school and early learning. There will be appropriate precautions in place.*
- *Children and staff who are at higher-risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.*
- *Please be alert to illness and ask anyone who is presenting as unwell to go home, or ask parents and caregivers to come and pick the child up.*
- *Messaging about good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette to be reinforced.*

- *Soap and water is very appropriate for washing hands, particularly if hand sanitiser stocks are low.*
- *For schools, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.*
- *In early learning there does not need to be a measurable physical distance between children/tamariki or children/tamariki and staff. However adults should where practicable use 1 metre as a guide between themselves and other adults.*
- *Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).*
- *School hostels will continue to operate for those boarders who are unable to safely return home. See the [Alert Level 2 guidance for hostels](#) as a reminder of what is required.*
- *Support your community by displaying the QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.*

Please go to our [guidance on our website](#) for further details.

Masks

Masks are not required at schools and early learning services at Alert levels 2 and 3.

QR Code posters

Please see our [Bulletin item from 4 August](#) about how to get your QR code posters - Importance of having a QR Code at the entrance to your school.

We appreciate your support during this unsettling time. We are ready and prepared at school to support the students at Level 2.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at jenny.gosney@allenvale.school.nz.

Regards,



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