

Message: Information Regarding Returning to School Term 4 2021:  
Kia ora koutou,

I hope this letter finds you and your whānau safe and well.

We are delighted to be able to welcome more tamariki back onsite under Alert Level 3 from next **Wednesday 17 November**.

We know learning kanohi ki te kanohi is the best option for tamariki and young people. It's important for them to connect with their friends and teachers and it helps their social, physical and emotional wellbeing.

And so we look forward to starting to bring our tamariki back on site. If your child is **already** attending bubble school they will continue to attend. For other children returning, we need to manage the number of tamariki attending each day to keep everyone safe. In order to manage the number of tamariki we need to have an idea of who will be returning, once our plan is finalised.

**Please complete this survey by 1pm tomorrow, Thursday 11 November**, in order for us to inform our plan for return. The link to the survey is: <https://forms.office.com/r/fZzvcYwXe9>

Even with the Delta variant, we have been told that the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools is low because of all the public health measures we will have in place. What this will look like:

- we will limit the number of tamariki onsite each day
- we will keep those onsite in separate groups
- we'll ensure our classrooms are well ventilated
- we'll continue to practise physical distancing where possible

In addition to this, all staff and children in Years 4 – 6 are required to wear masks indoors (unless they have an exemption), and we'll ensure all staff (and external contractors) who are on site are fully vaccinated or will have 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
- avoid catching up with other parents, children and whānau at the gates
- 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)
- avoid having playdates inside with children from other families at Alert Level 3

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

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

We will share the full details of our plan to return with you before Monday. Please know that we will plan to do what is best for our tamariki and community whilst working within the restrictions of the health and safety guidelines.

If you have questions or concerns, you can contact me by email.  
We look forward to seeing our tamariki back at school next week.

Ngā mihi nui  
Megan