

**Kia ora everyone**

**Here is an initial notification from the Secretary of Education to keep you as up to date as possible. Please forgive the 'official' tone, I have quickly edited the notification to make it relevant to our setting.**

**Nga mihi mahana**

**David Rogers**

**Alert Level 2 - All of New Zealand excluding Auckland region**

Alert Level 2 applies from 6am tomorrow, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for 7 days or until further notice.

**Schools are open to everyone, and all children must attend.**

At Alert Level 2 the disease is contained but there is still risk of community transmission. It is safe for children and staff to attend school and for school hostels to be operating as there will be appropriate measures in place, including for children and staff vulnerable to severe illness.

**Schools are not classified as gatherings and a range of events and activities can go ahead.**

We however will limit our gatherings to on-site only and will not participate in any inter-school activities or events. We will not host other groups on site until we return to Level 1.

**Schools will close for cleaning and contact tracing if there is a confirmed case who was infectious when at school.**

**Face coverings are not required at school or on any school transport.**

This includes charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in our school be supported to do so.

**Sick people must stay at home.**

We encourage you strongly to seek medical advice if you have COVID-like symptoms and get tested if advised to do so. If anyone displays relevant symptoms of COVID-19, tests positive for COVID-19, or has been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate.

**We have a contact tracing system in place - entry on site is conditional upon recording your details.**

**Fundamental public health measures continue to apply:**

- Physical distancing (not touching and not breathing on each other at Alert Level 2)
- Hand hygiene
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.