



February 15th 2021

E te whānau,

After last night's announcement by the Prime Minister that we are in alert Level 2 you may have some questions.

Is Windley School open?

Yes we are open.

Is Windley School a safe place to be?

Windley School follows the Ministry of Health expectations. Windley School also employs a fulltime cleaner and sanitizer who goes around the classes and common areas to clean and sanitize every hour. This is over and above the Ministry of Health expectations.

How does the drop-off to school work?

As we get used to Level Two we ask that all whānau please stay out of the school classrooms. Please drop off and pick up students from the school gates or carpark. Late students will still go to the office to register. Whānau should contact the office by phone rather than in person. The less physical contact, the better for tracing purposes. If you do have to take your child to class, please register at the office.

What happens if my child is sick?

If your child is sick please do not send them to school.

If your child becomes unwell during the day we will call you. Please arrange to have them collected.

How will students move around the school?

We will discuss the 1m distance and how it works in the classroom as well as 2m distance in the playground. Students from the same family, or same household will not be allowed to touch each other at school, because others will see and start copying.

What will morning tea and lunchtime be like?

Students will be encouraged to play non-contact games. There will be no shared PE equipment at this stage. All PE equipment is in class lots only and cleaned each day. There should be no sharing of food. There will be Breakfast Club between 7.30am and 8.30am. The free lunches are safe to eat as they come in sealed containers.

Will the playground be open?

The school playground will be open for students to use. Students will wash their hands before and after break times, before school, lunchtime and at the end of the day.

How will the school be cleaned?

The school is thoroughly cleaned each day. Each classroom also has hand sanitizer, cleaner, and cloths. A staff member is dedicated to cleaning all high touch areas frequently during the day.

How will students use the bathrooms?

We will limit the number of students who can be in the outside toilets to one at a time. Most classes have their own toilet. We will discuss with students the need to wash their hands thoroughly.

What will teaching and learning be like at school?

Staff will try to ensure that learning is as normal as possible but, with the need to have more distancing within the classroom, there might be some changes and less shared equipment for students to be using.

Can I meet my child's teacher?

Staff will be able to answer any questions by email, phone, text, or through the office.

Do Year 7 and 8 still have tech?

Yes. Our students will follow the Brandon Intermediate health and safety rules. The students don't have to wear masks on the bus.

Sports practices and school trips are cancelled during level 2 alert.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui,

Rhys McKinley
PRINCIPAL