

Returning to School in a Safe Way

Ministry of Health - Health & Safety Measures **RED 2022**

Guidelines may change as Omicron evolves and/or our school situation changes. We will continue to follow the Ministry of Health and Education guidelines.

Measure/risk	Ministry Expectations	Our School Expectations
If you are unwell	<p>If you are sick – stay home and get tested. If you have any cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home. Call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested.</p> <p>Staff are to observe children on arrival, checking for symptoms. Those presenting as unwell will be asked to go home or arrange for parents or caregivers to come and pick up.</p>	<p>Staff and students will need to get a covid test if they have any cold or flu like symptoms and wait for a negative test result and must be 24 hours symptom free before they can return to school.</p> <p>During Red settings siblings will need to stay home until the unwell child is able to return to school.</p>
Face coverings	<p>Face coverings must be worn when indoors by akonga/students receiving education in Years 4 and above and any staff member working to provide, or support the provisions of, that education.</p>	<p>All staff will be wearing medical grade face coverings in classrooms and school buildings.</p> <p>All students are encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask - Year 4 and above it is mandatory. Please note students will be given regular mask breaks or encouraged to step outside when they need a break.</p> <p>Students Year 4-8 are required to wear face coverings on school buses - we encourage all students to do this.</p>
Physical Distancing	<p>Beyond normal indoor classroom groupings physical distancing of 1 metre when indoors should be observed wherever practicable.</p> <p>Large groups of students meeting indoors should be avoided including assemblies, prize givings and performances.</p>	<p>Students in classes will be encouraged to maintain a 1 metre distance in class where practicable.</p> <p>Collaborative Classrooms are considered as one class e.g., Pod, Nest, etc.</p> <p>Classes will not be mixing with other rooms for things like cross grouping for lessons e.g., Maths or Reading.</p> <p>There will be no assemblies or performances while in red setting.</p>
Physical and cultural activities onsite, use of playgrounds	<p>Playgrounds can be used (maintain good hand hygiene) but consider rostering use by different groups, to minimise congestion.</p> <p>Exercising and singing must be held outdoors.</p> <p>Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment, but hygiene practices should be observed before and after playing with equipment.</p> <p>Physical distancing is not possible in some sporting activities. In these situations, extra emphasis on handwashing and drying before and after activities.</p>	<p>We will divide the school into Year level teams with rostered times and areas for staggered breaks throughout the day.</p> <p>Classes will continue their PE programs outside, including the use of the school pool in term 1.</p> <p>Students and staff will need to wash with soap / sanitise hands before leaving classrooms and entering them again.</p> <p>All doors and windows will remain open to ensure good ventilation.</p>

Visitors	<p>No non-essential visitors on site.</p> <p>All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if they do come onsite should wear face coverings when on school grounds.</p> <p>Consider how you might monitor entrances to minimise non-essential visitors from coming on site.</p> <p>One entry point may be the most practical way to manage visitors, coupled with staggered starts.</p>	<p>No parents on site. We will continue with our 'kiss and drop at the gate' procedures. Staff will be welcoming students at the gates from 8:15am. Please ensure your child is not at school before this time unless going to before school care.</p> <p>Parents of 5-year-old students starting school for the first time will be contacted with separate procedures for their child's first day.</p> <p>If parents need to come onsite, they must first phone the office to let the school know, they must wear a mask and sign in at the office on arrival.</p>
Distance learning	<p>Children with complex medical needs can seek advice from their health professional about whether it is appropriate to come to school.</p> <p>Support for off site learning will be provided for those who are advised to remain at home.</p>	<p>Please contact the school via email if this applies to your child.</p> <p>We will support off site learning for those who have been notified by the MOH to self-isolate, or are waiting for a covid test result.</p>
Extra school expectations / information	<p>Start of day procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 0-4; stationery is not needed for the first week. We will have scheduled times for parents to bring their stationery to school if students aren't able to do this themselves. Staff will collect this from the gate and get it delivered to your child/ren's classroom. If any Years 0-4 are able to bring their own stationery in, they are more than welcome to do this in one go or in smaller amounts. • Years 5-8; students can bring their stationery with them to classes during the first week. • Students can enter any of the 3 gates from 8:15am and need to go straight to their classrooms. <p>End of day procedures</p> <p>To avoid congestion, we are splitting the school into 3 groups based on surnames each leaving from a different gate/area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-G – will walk with staff across the road to the Waitakere Domain where parents can collect them from 2:50pm – 3:15pm • H-O – will leave from the pool gate at 2:50pm – 3:15pm and be picked up from the school side of Bethell's Road • P-Z – will leave from the field gate at 2:50pm – 3:15pm and be picked up from ANZAC Valley Road • Students who are walking home independently will be released at 3pm from the gate they normally leave from (please discuss this with your child/ren beforehand). More information about when the walking school bus can safely begin will follow. • The school buses will be running as normal. The first bus (Wairere) leaves at 3pm and the second (Bethells) at 3:30pm <p>Staff will be supervising students at these areas until 3:15pm.</p> <p>We appreciate your support with this procedure while we are in Red and will review this after a few weeks.</p>	

Lunch Orders

These will be available from February 9th, with payment on Kindo.

Payments

Please use the online banking or Kindo to make payments.

If you want to drop anything off, or collect children early, (prior to 2:30pm), ring the office and they will come down and collect items, or send your child/ren down to you. Please note if you need to pick your child up early, please do it before 2.30. There will be no early pickups between 2.30-3.00