



## **COVID-19 UPDATE: RETURN TO SCHOOL UNDER LEVEL 2**

7th September 2021

Kia ora Hinuera School Parents/Caregivers,

As you will all be aware on Thursday 9- September we will return to school at Level 2 and we welcome you all back. We are excited to return and we can appreciate that this change will be filled with many emotions; excitement, nervousness, and a little uncertainty of the unknown.

If you were a part of the Hinuera School family during our last lock down you will be familiar with the processes that surrounded school life, and for those of you who are new please take assurance that we will provide the best conditions for a safe environment for our Hinni Kids while onsite. It will be great to see everyone and be back learning.

Please read all of this newsletter carefully, as it contains important information to help with a safe and successful return to school life.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Everyone returning to school needs to be in good health, and anyone with coughs, colds or other illnesses must stay home until they have sought medical advice and are recovered.

Students and staff will be using the Level 2 school social distancing guidelines, which requires not being in others "breathing space", so please discuss this at home. Students are allowed to wear masks but please discuss the use of this with your child. This would be a family decision not a school one.

Cleaning all surfaces, used daily, and high use areas like doors and bathrooms more often.

Leaving doors open whenever practical.

School leadership and staff at the gate every morning/afternoon to supervise drop off/pick up.

## **ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**Please note: Any parents or visitors on site will be required to wear a mask when entering the school grounds.**

**If you do enter the grounds** you are required to sanitize your hands, record your name on a special school community contact list for the day. It doesn't require other details, as we know where to find you. Please also scan using the Covid tracer app. You are to wait outside the front office until attended to. Please do not move around the school.

We encourage you to communicate with teachers via email/ phone or touch base with one of the leadership team at the gate in the mornings or afternoons,

## ARRIVAL

- Before school, students will need to head straight to class and stay there until the bell rings, as there won't be staff on duty, other than at the front gate. So if you are transporting children to school, and can leave this until after 8.40am, that would shorten the wait time for classes to start.
- Everyone on site at school will wash hands and or sanitise every time they move around the school, including going in and out for breaks.
- Practice good personal hygiene at school, including coughing and sneezing into your elbow.
- All students need to bring their own food and named drink bottles for the whole day at school. Drinking fountains will be closed.
- All students need to have a named pencil case or container for their pens/pencils. Some students will already have these at school. Some junior classes usually share a central supply of pens/pencils, and these can be allocated to students, so there is no need to buy new ones. However, something named to hold these for regular personal use will be needed.
- Masks: If you wish to provide your child with a mask to wear you are welcome to do so. You will see staff wearing masks at different times around the school.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

### Morning drop offs

To hopefully avoid too many people needing to come onto the school grounds, we are going to trial the drop off zone directly outside the hall; this will only be available at drop offs in the morning.

- We will have a **moving drop** off zone directly outside the hall.
- This is not a park up zone, if you wish to park and take a little longer to say goodbye, move through to the parking zone and to the parks.

### Afternoon pick-ups: *Please note: There will be no moving pick up zone at this time*

- All classes will be brought to the front of the school with their teachers. Just prior to the bell ringing.
- Bus students will go directly to the hall. If you have not rung ahead of time your child will be put on the bus as per normal.
- There will be no movement around the school grounds or playing after school.
- Your children will be gathered in family groups by staff and brought to the gate closest to you.
- Once you have collected your child/ren we ask that you do not congregate around the gate or car park areas. This will ensure that we can keep the traffic moving.

Please be patient

## SCHOOL BUSES

School Buses will restart from Thursday 9th September. Things to note:

**If you do not want your child to catch the bus home, you MUST ring and tell us so that we can take them off the bus list.**

- Buses will run at normal times and using normal routes.
- All students are required to hand sanitise as they get on the bus. You can either use the bus company's sanitiser, or show them you're using your own.
- Students will need to stay seated and settled, and give others space (as always!).
- Social distancing will be harder on the buses and largely unmonitored, so any parents who are concerned about this situation are encouraged to make alternative travel arrangements.

## **NON RETURNING STUDENTS**

We, realise that some students will not be returning to school this week, due to health or family reasons. We will continue to provide distance learning for any students not at school. Depending on numbers there may be some changes to who arranges this work and we will confirm this as things settle in this week.

You must notify the office if you are not sending your child to school. You can do this by email, text, phone message or through the Skool Loop app.

**Cellphone: 0274976922**

**Phone: 07 888 1772**

**Skool Loop App**

Kind regards

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