



Covid-19 Level 2 Update

14th February 2021

Kia ora Hinuera School Parents/Caregivers,

Hopefully most of you have heard the update tonight from the Prime Minister that our area will be at Level 2 from midnight tonight. Here are reminders about how school operates under Level 2. For all those who were at Hinuera School last year, we did amazingly well with this, so for many of you it is just a refresher.

Our first concern at school is always the safety of everyone there, so there are a number of things we need to keep in mind:

- Everyone attending 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 giving each other “breathing space”, so please discuss this at home and we will be reminding students in the morning.
- Enter the school through the main gates by the hall. Hands must be sanitised as you enter (see further down for drop off and pick up information).
- Although parents are able to come on site under Level 2, we encourage you to only do this if it is necessary, and to follow the drop-off and pick-up procedures outlined further down. We would ask that if you are coming on site, please use the Covid tracer app wherever possible because this is much easier to manage than the paper sign in.
- Everyone on site at school will also need to wash hands 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 drink bottles for the whole day at school. Drinking fountains will not be used at all.

Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements

These periods of the day are when we have the largest number of people about, including lots of coming and going, so they pose our biggest challenges to keeping safe under Level 2. Please read through this section carefully, particularly if you are an adult involved in school drop off/pick up.

- If any parents/whanau are entering the school at any stage (coming through the gates) you will need to sanitise your hands and record your visit using the Covid tracer app (preferred) or by signing in if you don't have access to the app.
- To hopefully avoid too many people needing to come onto the school grounds, we will operate our drop off and pick up standing area using the car park spaces in front of the hall. This will be coned off apart from a Disability Park area at the north end. Please do not attempt to park in the coned area, or the disability area unless you are registered for this. If you are waiting in this area after school, staff will release your children to you without the need to come into school.
- The parks facing the school field will be tagged as a car drop off zone. Please only pull into these parks if you are unloading/loading.



Other things we will be doing under Ministry of Education guidelines to make school a safe place to be under Level 2:

- Cleaning all surfaces used at school daily, and high use areas like doors more often.
- Leaving doors open whenever practical.
- School leadership staff at the gate every morning/afternoon to supervise drop off/pick up.
- Recording the names of all visitors to the school site to support traceability.
- Asking all visitors (including parents) to the school site to wait safely outside until attended to if they wish to enter any school buildings.

School Bus Services

School Buses will run under Level 2. Things to note:

- 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.

Thanks for everyone's continued cooperation.

Kind regards

Dean McDonnell - Principal