



West Park School

Te Kura O Papa Hauāuru

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12 August, 2020

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

No doubt you are aware of the address made to all of New Zealand by our Prime Minister and Director-General of Health at around 9.30pm yesterday evening, to inform us all that **New Zealand's Alert Levels are changing.**

The address announced that the Auckland region is to revert to Covid-19 Alert Level 3 from mid-day today until midnight on Friday and that the rest of New Zealand is to revert to Alert Level 2 from mid-day today until midnight on Friday.

At Alert Level 2 schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff, and additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

The key Public Health approach at Level 2 is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected.

As we have done in the past, you can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, who our staff and students have been in close contact with and take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe. **Subsequently we are from 8am today reinstating the requirement for all adults entering the school to register their entry in writing at one of our school gates, or to register their entry through our School's App 'COVID-19 Check-in' function.**

Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease, however it is challenging in schools, so good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are even more important here. This includes staff and students coughing into their elbows, handwashing and drying and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.



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Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

Our school has safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site. We all just need to remember to have some breathing space at Alert Level 2!

It's important however that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/> . I've included the key relevant school [related](#) information available on the [site](#) for your information.

Please note that if you have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact your child's team leader.

- Team Kahikatea (Years 5 and 6) Michael Joseph (michaelj@westpark.school.nz)
- Team Rimu (Years 3 and 4) Nicola Douthett (nicolad@westpark.school.nz)
- Team Miro (Year 2) Howard Young (howardy@westpark.school.nz)
- Team Totara (Year 1) Alisha Mullen (alisham@westpark.school.nz)

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and co-operation whilst we all do our best to appropriately manage through this next wave of concern and possible disruption.

Take care.

Luis Echegaray
Principal



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Key School relevant Alert Level 2 Information available through the Government's Covid-19 website (<https://covid19.govt.nz/>) follow:

ALERT LEVEL 2

- Alert Level 2 is not life as normal. You can still go to work and school, but you should:
 - keep your distance from other people in public
 - wash your hands
 - sneeze and cough into your elbow
 - keep a track of where you've been and who you've seen
 - wear a mask if you can.

- People at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home
- No more than 100 people at gatherings, including weddings, birthdays, funerals and tangihanga.

- **If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school.** Don't socialise.

- If you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline and get advice about being tested.

- If you have been told to self-isolate you must do so immediately.

- At Alert Level 2, you can leave home, but you should follow public health measures and consider others around you.

- At Alert Level 2 you should keep your distance when out and about:
 - 2 metres in public and in retail stores, like supermarkets and clothes shops.
 - 1 metre in most other environments like workplaces, cafes, restaurants, and gyms.



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- At Alert Levels 2 the risk of COVID-19 being present in the community is higher. You should wear masks in situations where physical distancing is not possible, like on public transport or in shops.
- Play it safe — keep surfaces clean, wash your hands, and maintain safe physical distancing where possible
- On the advice of public health officials, any educational facilities connected to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 must close on an individual or group basis to allow contact tracing, and then potentially for a further 14 days.
- All Early Learning Centres and schools will be physically open, including Years 11 to 13.
Distance learning will be available for those unable to attend school, for example where people are self-isolating.
- Early learning services and schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff. Additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.
- At Alert Level 2, people who are a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19, or who are a close contact of a case, should self-isolate for 14 days, or until cleared by a doctor.
- People arriving from overseas will continue to be placed in managed isolation for 14 days, or quarantine if they are showing symptoms.
- Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested — contact your doctor or Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453).



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