

## Tuesday 12th May 2020 - Details for 'Alert Level 2' Return to School



*Nga matua ma nga kaitiaki, Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

*Like me, I am sure you have followed with interest the announcements made by the Prime Minister yesterday that we will be moving to Level 2 on Thursday. This however, will mean Tokomaru School will fully reopen to all students and staff on **Monday 18th May**.*

*This letter is to help explain what Level 2 will look like for us. This also includes a survey link to ask you to confirm your child's attendance at school during Level 2. Please fill this survey in before 9am Thursday morning. Thanks in advance!*

*Upon return to school, the main focus will be on physical distancing, hygiene practices and contact tracing if necessary. **This means some changes which we need your cooperation with. These are:***

### **Daily drop-off and pick-up**

- Schools must keep track of everyone entering our school, even parents, via a Contact Tracing Register. This means that we need to have every parent/caregiver who comes onto site to sign in and out (name, address, contact number, time in & out).
- In order to minimise the numbers of 'extras' on site we are asking that **ONLY** parents of Room 1 students come on site at this stage. They will be required to sign in and out on the register on each and every occasion.
- We are asking all other parents to drop-off and pick-up their child(ren) just inside the main gate or underpass gate (there will be signage and cones).
- If you need to speak to myself, your child's teacher or the office, please email or call first to make an appointment. This way we can manage the numbers of parents and visitors safely.
- Parents and visitors will only be able to come onsite with prior permission (so we can plan ahead).

### **Lunches**

- Fish & Chip lunches will still operate fortnightly via the Tokomaru Store, and will commence on Friday 22nd May
- The pie warmer will be available to all students from the 18th May (food must be well wrapped and labelled)
- Variety Lunches will **NOT** operate during Alert Level 2
- Children **MUST** bring a named water bottle each day (all drinking fountains will be closed until further notice)
- At this stage the Milk in Schools programme is on hold, but the Breakfast in Schools Programme will continue to operate.

### **Break Times**

- Children will be supervised in their classrooms for eating (morning tea and lunch) to ensure appropriate distancing can be adhered to.
- The playgrounds will be open but children will be required to wash/sanitise their hands prior to returning to class.
- There will be limited PE gear available, so we are encouraging children to bring a **NAMED** piece of PE gear from home that they would like to play with (this must fit in their bag, and is not be shared with others).
- Bikes and scooters are welcome as usual (helmets must be worn); usual 'wheels' rules will apply.

### **Bus - this applies to bus students**

- We have been informed that Ministry bus services will run to normal time tables, (with ours starting Monday 18th May). School buses are a controlled environment where immediate contact tracing can take place if required. Seats in close proximity to the driver will be left empty.
- The Ministry is supplying hand sanitiser for students and drivers to use on every journey, and increased cleaning and sanitation practices will be made after each trip.
- We must ensure Uzabus have reliable, up-to-date bus lists at all times to ensure everyone knows who is being transported each day, to enable contact tracing, therefore it is **VITAL** that you answer the appropriate question in the survey below. You can also simply let the office know if there are any changes to your transport arrangements.

## Technology at Monrad - this applies to Year 7 & 8 students ONLY

- From Monrad, "The Monrad Intermediate Board of Trustees has made the decision to postpone the start of specialist teaching for outside schools until Monday 15th June. We apologise for the inconvenience but the issues involved in safe hygiene practices with shared equipment, social distancing, and contact tracing with over 850 students using our facilities at level 2 is complex."

**SURVEY LINK** - ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE THIS BY 9AM  
THURSDAY PLEASE

<https://forms.gle/x8dvzDkRYFMS68TL8>

*We are excited to be returning back to school and will be taking a health and wellbeing approach on return, as children ease back into school life. The key Public Health approach 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. You can be assured that in Alert Level 2 we will know who is at school, whom our staff and students have been in close contact with and take appropriate measures to keep everyone safe.*

*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. For more information about the Public Health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>*

*If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me. Stay safe, and keep smiling!*

**Smiles, Sonia Mudgway** 😊

**Principal**