



17 February 2021

Kia ora koutou Chapel Downs whanau

Welcome to Alert Level 2 - from Thursday 18 February

The Prime Minister has advised that we are moving to Alert Level 2 tomorrow and schools are safe environments for children and staff and that additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

The good news is that from **Thursday (18 February 2021)**, we will be welcoming all students and staff back to our school site.

Our school will be open from 8.55am on Thursday 18 February for all students.

Our school day finishes at 3pm.

Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick.

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

Key messages

- If your child is unwell they must stay home
- Our school is open for all students from Thursday 18 February
- Parents/Caregivers can drop children at school from 8.30am
- We ask that only staff and students are to enter the classrooms
- Your child will need to bring a drink bottle of water and food for morning tea and lunch
- After school care will resume under Level 2 from Thursday. This is open only to the children who are currently registered in the After School care Programme.
- There will not be any whole school assemblies
- All students and staff will follow safe distancing guidelines. Under Alert Level 2 this is maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.
- For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19 website: <https://covid19.govt.nz>

If you have any questions or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, please contact me through the school office 09 274 8002.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back at school tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Vaughan van Rensburg