



16 September 2020

Dear Parent, Caregiver, Staff Member,

COVID-19 case at Chapel Downs School – school to close until Monday 21 September

A student at Chapel Downs School has been at school for a short time, before they tested positive for COVID-19.

The child and three close contacts were dropped off before school on Monday 14 September for around 30 minutes until they were picked up around 9.00am. The child received a positive test result for the virus later that day.

As a result, the school will reopen on Monday 21 September, unless there is new advice that will require it to remain closed.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) will work with the school to identify if there are any close contacts as a result of this exposure. Close contacts will include any students and staff members who may have been closer than two metres to the student for more than 15 minutes.

We ask that you keep your child or children at home, until you receive a letter from Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) advising what to do next. Staff should also stay at home until they are advised by ARPHS.

Please also watch out for **COVID-19 symptoms**. These can include one or more of the following:

- **New or worsening cough**
- **Sore throat**
- **Runny nose**
- **Fever**
- **Temporary loss of smell**
- **Difficulty breathing**

Please call your doctor or Healthline (0800 358 5453) if you or your child has any symptoms. They will explain what to do.

Finally, if you know the identity of the student or family with COVID-19, please do not disclose their names or details to anyone else, and discourage your children from speculating or identifying them on social media. This can lead to on-line bullying and abuse.

For more information: call Healthline: 0800 358 5453 (a free, 24/7 service with interpreters available). You can also visit www.arphs.health.nz or www.covid19.govt.nz.

Thank you for your support.

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