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Dear Parents/Caregivers,
As you are no doubt aware, we are now working at Alert level 1.

Things you need to know about Alert Level 1

- **Schools are open and must operate safely.**
At Alert Level 1 the virus is contained in New Zealand but not overseas. We need to have systems and practices in place in case COVID-19 reappears in our community.
- **There are no restrictions on personal movement at Alert Level 1 – all children and staff should be at school.**
- The only people who will need to stay away are:
 - those required to self-isolate
 - individuals who health authorities have asked to stay away while waiting for a test result (most people will be able to go back to school/work while waiting for a result)
 - children, students and staff who are unwell.

Testing remains a crucial component in preventing an outbreak.

If a child or staff member is sick, they should stay home. If they have cold or flu symptoms they should call their doctor or Healthline on [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453) for advice about getting tested. If recommended to get tested, they should do so.

Schools will close for cleaning and contact tracing if there is a confirmed case who was infectious when at school.

The Director of Education will work closely with schools and health authorities should this occur.

Schools must continue to support contact tracing through the display of QR Code posters and the visitor register, attendance register and timetable.

If a new case does appear in our community, our contact tracing processes will support the speedy identification of close contacts of the confirmed case. We encourage our community to check-in using the NZ COVID Tracer app including when they are doing pick ups and drop offs.

There are no restrictions on numbers at gatherings.

Schools, like workplaces are not considered to be gatherings. Physical activities including cultural and sporting activities, practices and events can go ahead.

Fundamental public health measures continue to apply:

- Hand hygiene
- Cough and sneeze etiquette
- Regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.
- **There are no restrictions on domestic travel.**
People should avoid using mass transport if sick, awaiting a result from a COVID-19 test or required/recommended to self-isolate. Individuals travelling to, through and from Auckland by plane are required to wear a face covering.
- **Face coverings continue not to be required when in school.**
This includes school transport and charter buses hired by the school to transport students and staff to and from school. Anyone who chooses to wear a face covering in any setting should be supported to do so.

For more detailed information for Alert Level 1, [please refer to our health and safety guidance on our website.](#)

Kind regards

Lee Anderson
Principal