

Auckland moving to Alert Level 2

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you will know, the Prime Minister advised us this afternoon that we will be back in Alert Level 2 tomorrow, Thursday 18th February, and school will be open for all children.

At school, we will continue to promote health control measures to limit the possibility for Covid-19 to come into our school. Therefore we ask, once again, that during Covid Level 2, parents/adults do not enter our school grounds unless absolutely necessary. Someone will be at the gates to greet your children in the morning. **School gates will not be opened until 8:00 am - do not send your children to school earlier than this time.**

We look forward to restarting tomorrow but understand some children may be a little anxious. We will endeavour to make the transition back to school a comfortable one for everyone.

What does Level 2 look like for us at St Joseph's School:

- At schools there is no longer an expectation for children to maintain physical distancing.
- Children will need to bring their own filled water bottles.
- Children should continue to wear their summer uniforms.
- If children arrive late to school, they are to go directly to their classrooms - they are not to come into the office area for pink slips.
- Parents who need to pick up a child early or for an appointment, need to notify the office that you are coming, and we will bring the child out to you.
- We discourage parents from entering the school grounds. If you do so, we need you to sign our tracking and tracing log kept at the front door. **No parents/visitors are to enter the school buildings.**
- Assemblies: Parents will not be able to attend assemblies during Alert Level 2.
- Changing sheds will only be used by one class at a time; thus limiting numbers changing for swimming.

Arrival on Thursday 18th February

The gates will be opened at 8:00 am and children can enter the school through either the main gates, or the small gate off Dublin Street. A teacher will be at each gate to record any adults that need to enter the school grounds (tracking and tracing). **At Alert Level 2, our preference is that parents do not come onto the school grounds** but if they feel that they want to walk their child to their classroom on the first day, they must not enter any classrooms or walk on to any decks. Please remember to scan our QR code. Teachers will be at the classrooms by 8:15 am to receive the children each morning when they arrive.

At the end of the day, we again would like to limit the number of parents coming on to the school grounds. Therefore, teachers will walk younger children to the gates and they will be passed on to you. Parents waiting outside the gates are asked to keep their distance.

We advise children should stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any concerns please contact us.

Keep well and God bless

Ursula Hall
Principal