



One Tree Point School

Te Arakahika

“Empowering Learners Who CARE”

Tuesday 15th May

Kia ora koutou

The Prime Minister has announced that we are moving to Alert Level 2. One Tree Point School remains open and will be following the guidelines below:

The overriding principles for Alert Level 2 are:

- to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place
- to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school or early learning centre is infected
- understand that Level 2 is not business as usual.

Key Health and Safety Measures:

- keep people with COVID-19 symptoms off the premises
- maintain physical distancing for adults 1 metre inside and 2 metres outside and where practicable for children (the government recognises that physical distancing in schools is challenging and has advised the risk of children getting and spreading the virus is very low)
- enable good hygiene practices
- keep track of people who enter the premises

To align with these principles and advice our measures are:

- **Physical distancing -**
 - teachers will prepare classrooms to ensure as much physical distance as possible whilst children are sitting at desks and avoid situations where children are spending any length of time in the ‘soft breath’ zone - for example sitting on the mat. There will be no large gatherings - whanau time will be in individual classrooms rather than in teams and no whole school assemblies.
 - Whanau/caregivers are asked to drop off and pick up children within a clearly marked ‘zone’ in front of the hall area. Both double gates will be open to minimise crowding. **Please only come onto school grounds if absolutely necessary.**
 - All adults must maintain a 2 metre physical distance whilst waiting for children.

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- All adults entering school grounds will be required to sign a tracing register, these will be found at the drop off zone and in the office.
- There are clearly marked lines in the office area to maintain physical distancing.
- **Good Hygiene**
 - Children will be explicitly taught safe handwashing, coughing and sneezing practices
 - Hand sanitiser will be available in every classroom and children will be asked to sanitise every time they enter the classroom, before and after eating and after using shared resources.
- **Sports and Playgrounds**
 - School playgrounds and sports equipment can be used and in-school Physical Education will resume. Hands will be sanitised before and after using any equipment and all hand-held equipment will be cleaned after use.

Under Alert Level 2, students and staff will be advised to stay home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms of illness.

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.

Ngā mihi

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