



Pinehill School

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Kia ora koutou,

I was thrilled to hear the Prime Minister's announcement this afternoon, that we are moving back to Alert Level 2 from 6am on Sunday.

We look forward to welcoming all our students and staff back onsite on Monday 8th March.

Level 2 reminders

At Level 2, all schools are open and all students are required to attend school, unless they are unwell. With our alert Level 2 procedures in place, school is a safe place to be.

We do ask in Level 2 that **parents do not come on to the school grounds** unless your child has just turned 5 years old and is starting school or it is absolutely required. Like previous Level 2 returns, please drop your child at the school gate. Our staff will be there to meet and greet students and support them to their classes. Parents, please also organise a gate spot or a meeting spot nearby that your child is to meet you at once school finishes.

Other Level 2 procedures:

- Parents and caregivers who do enter the school grounds must check-in at the office and **register on the SchoolApp 'Covid-19 Check-in'** or use the visitor register in the office. This is available for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for any period of time.
- QR code posters are displayed at our entrances. We ask our community, if you haven't already, to download the NZ COVID Tracer App. **You will need to use this if you are required to come onsite.**
- **Parents and caregivers to drop off and pick up only** to restrict the number of adults on site. If you are dropping your child off and picking them up, there is no need to sign in as you are not entering the school grounds. If you are entering the school grounds with your child, you are required to sign in and sign out (see bullet points above for how to do this).
- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Maintaining the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance). Teachers have rearranged classroom furniture and masking tape is positioned on the class mat areas as a visual to support our students with a spaced-out learning spot.
- Our cleaners will clean and disinfect our high touch surfaces daily. Teachers will continue to clean and disinfect tables and desktop surfaces daily.

Thanks again for supporting our school and our community and helping to keep everyone safe.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible.

Please play the Level 2 video here to remind students how our systems and processes in Level 2 work at school

[Keeping safe at school during level 2 video com...](#)

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you as well.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself, if there is something you need assistance with.

Get your information from good sources

- [The Ministry of Education](#) provides us with specific advice for what needs to happen in schools and early learning services. Some of the rules are different for schools, early learning services and workplaces than the rules you need to follow when we are out and about with people you don't know. The main one is we have different physical distancing requirements than the general public. That is because we have good systems in place to prevent the spread of COVID.
- The Ministry of Education also has [information for parents, caregivers and whānau](#).
- The [Government's Unite against COVID-19 website](#) is the main website to go to get great advice.

School Picnic postponed

Our school picnic is considered a gathering, which means this can not take place under Level 3 or Level 2. We have a Savaday for our picnic in week 7. We are hopeful we will be in Level 1 at this time for our picnic to go ahead. Please lock in Thursday 25th March into your calendars for our Picnic Savaday.

Enjoy the weekend ahead. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

*He iti hau marangai, E tū to pāhokahoka
After the storm, the rainbow appears*

Ngā mihi nui,
Carla Veldman / Principal