



## GREEN ISLAND SCHOOL

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### Special Newsletter 30 – 7 September 2021

Kia ora, Dear Parents and Caregivers

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)** – has now moved to **Alert Level 2**. This means that schools can now open from this **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**, except for anyone who is unwell or is immune compromised.

*However, it is far from “business as usual”.* We will be following the procedure outlined below. Thank you so much for supporting us with this.

We ask that all children enter via the Main Gate at the front of the school where Mr Hayward will meet you **or** through the back gate on Kirkland Street, where Mr Warrington will meet you, from 8:30am. **NO Parents/Caregivers** are to enter the school grounds, **except** for those with a child/children in **Rooms 2 or 3**, or those with Special Needs. As part of the Government’s Health and Safety requirements (Contact Tracing) all visitors to the school, **MUST** sign in and out of the Office - except for those parents/caregivers with children in Rooms 2 or 3. They will be required to sign in and out of the classroom. All must use hand sanitiser. The same procedure needs to happen at the end of the day at 3pm. Parents/Caregivers need to meet their child/children on the street or preferably, some distance away from the school. Road Patrols will operate as usual at 3pm. Please avoid congestion at the main gate and do maintain a “social distance” from each other. It really would help if you would arrange to meet your child/children some distance away from the Main Gate. Children are welcome to bring their own hand sanitiser and water bottle to school. We do have hand sanitiser in every classroom. So much of this is about using “common sense” and we do appreciate your co-operation with all of these matters.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+, wear a face covering at school. Public health advice for those under six is getting children to cough and sneeze into their elbow and wash and dry hands. The use of masks is permitted but not actively encouraged. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your family/whanau, whatever your decision, it will be respected.

If you are not sure what all the rules are for Alert level 2 when you are out and about, then the following information may be useful to you:

- [COVID-19 Alert Levels summary table](#)
- [COVID-19 Alert Levels detailed table](#)

We have done this all before, quite successfully. Hopefully, we will be able to move to Level 1 before the holidays. See you on Thursday.

Nga mihi nui,

Steve Hayward  
Principal