

Kia ora Whaanau

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well in your bubbles. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister yesterday on the shift to COVID19 Alert Level 2 advising that schools are safe environments for students and staff to return to, we can now share some further information regarding students returning to Manurewa High School under Alert Level 2.

Key Messages

- We will transition students back to school from **Monday 18 May**
- As with previous alert levels, increased hygiene practices will continue throughout the school
- If a student continues to self-isolate during Alert Level 2, please inform the school
- A questionnaire must be completed for any students that travel to or from school using Murphy Bus Company

Return to School

Thursday 14 May and Friday 15 May will be staff only days as our staff will be working together on site to determine how to best manage student learning time for the remainder of Term. There are several points to work through, including how to safely transition back, support student and staff Hauora (wellbeing) and restructure learning so that students are supported moving forward. There will be no live online lessons on Thursday & Friday, however students will have been set work to complete. Students who registered and attended during COVID19 Level 3 will still be able to attend school.

On **Monday 18 May** we will transition and welcome back aakonga. **The exact details of the transition back to school plan will be sent out on Thursday 14th May.**

Health & Safety and Hygiene

Cleaning – increased hygiene practices will continue throughout the school as per Level 3.

Visitors to school – all visitors and whaanau coming into to school must sign in at reception. The reception counter will be open with enforced physical distancing in this area. All visitors moving around the site will follow safe physical distancing of 2 metres. Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entry and exit of the school.

Physical Distancing – students and staff will follow the safe physical distancing guide from the Ministry of Health, maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. Constant reminders about coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying will be shared.

Illness – any student or staff member who appears sick at school will be sent home immediately.

Devices and equipment - regular cleaning of equipment will be carried out during the day.

Hand sanitizer – each classroom and space has been provided with hand sanitizer available for student and staff use upon entry and exit of the room/space.

Breakfast Club/Café/Canteen – supply of meals to students through the breakfast club, café and canteen will be provided/purchased using a non-contact payment and pick up system. Food will be prepared as takeaway food. Hygiene and safety is our number one consideration before we continue to provide any sit down options to students in these spaces.

It's important however that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

Attendance

The Ministry of Education have advised us that it is now safe for students to return to school. However, we realise that some students may be concerned that they fit into the 'vulnerable' category for COVID-19. Those unsure of whether your child should be attending school are advised to contact your family doctor for guidance.

If you decide to continue self-isolation and you have not already informed us, can you please ensure you email attendance@manurewa.school.nz or phone the attendance number 0800 102 132 with the following information:

ID Number and Full name of the student

Reason for self-isolation

Our school nurses are available to work with whaanau. We want to support and assist where we can in order for students to return to school. If you have queries or health concerns, please contact healthcentre@manurewa.school.nz or phone 269 0690 ext. 205

Illness

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. Please email attendance@manurewa.school.nz or phone the attendance number 0800 102 132 to inform us of their absence.

Be assured that if a student or staff member becomes unwell and shows symptoms, we will send them home immediately.

Bus Services

We are required to have a register of all students that use commercial bus services to travel to or from school. **If your child is a bus user you must complete this form** <https://tinyurl.com/Bus-Service-Questionnaire>

Students are required to sanitise their hands upon entering the bus. Please be aware that physical distancing is more difficult on commercial bus services. Students need to be respectful of others to ensure they are not touching or breathing on each other. AT HOP cards can be purchased online at <https://at.govt.nz/athop>

If you have concerns about physical distancing on public transport you may wish to consider other methods of transport for your child.

Buses will resume on **Monday 18 May**.

Laptops

If you have your own laptop, or you were issued with a Manurewa High School laptop, or you have received a laptop from the Ministry of Education, please bring the device when you return to school as online learning will continue to be a key component of your learning programme.

We acknowledge that Alert Level 2 is a big step from Alert Level 3 and that there are still concerns, anxieties and questions in our community. Trust that we are working to design a transition programme that reflects the feedback we have had from you so far, those whaanau who still want their rangatahi to continue to learn from home during Level 2 as well as those who are ready to return to school and supporting our whaanau who will be returning to work.

Play it safe.

Ngaa mihi

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