

Kia ora Whaanau

I hope you all continue to stay safe and well in your Level 3 bubbles. We're looking forward to welcoming all our rangatahi and staff back at school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August following the return to Alert Level 2. Please find links to the Ministry of Education Auckland Return to School at Alert Level 2 letter in [English](#) which has also been translated into [Samoan](#) [Tongan](#) and [Kuki Airani](#)

Below are some additional key messages and information for our Manurewa High School whaanau to help you make an informed decision about returning to school. We trust that whatever decision you make will be the right one for your whaanau and circumstances and that we will continue to do our best to support your rangatahi at school and at home:

#### Key Messages

- **Hygiene, Health & Safety under Alert Level 2 at school**
- **Attendance & Illness**
- **Online Learning & Laptops**
- **School Bus Services**
- **Out of Zone Enrolments 2021**

#### **Hygiene, Health & Safety**

*Cleaning* – increased hygiene practices will continue throughout the school including regular cleaning of equipment which will be carried out during the day.

*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.

*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.

*Masks* - We have been advised that it is not compulsory for students nor staff to wear masks at school. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask please do so. If your child does not have a mask and wants one a disposable mask will be provided. We have ordered washable masks for all students and staff but due to freight delays beyond our control these may not be delivered until later next week.

*Visitors to school* - all visitors and whaanau coming into to school must sign in using the NZ COVID Tracer App. We will be keeping a visitor register for anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time. Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and visitors. Hand sanitizer will be available for use upon entry and exit of the school.

*Breakfast Club/Café/Canteen* – supply of food 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. The café will operate as below under Level 2;

- Pre-order and pay for your main meal at the café
- No seating inside or outside the café
- Social distancing will be adhered to inside and outside
- PayWave is now available and we will be using EFTPOS
- EFTPOS machine will be wiped down regularly
- Sanitizer is provided at each door and on the counter

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **Online Learning & Laptops**

Online learning will continue to be provided via our Schoology and Education Perfect platforms. Please ensure students bring their laptop to school fully charged. We have received further laptops from the Ministry for the remainder of students who do not have a device. These will continue to be issued at school from Monday 31 August. Any queries can be directed to [BYOD@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:BYOD@manurewa.school.nz)

## **School Bus Services**

Auckland Transport has once again informed us we are required to keep a register of students using the school bus services for contact tracing purposes. If your child uses one of the Murphy's Bus runs it is important that you, or your child, completes the form in the link below. This form will close at 7am Monday 31 August, 2020 - <https://tinyurl.com/Bus-Service-Register>

Below is further important information from Auckland Transport for students using a school bus;

- School students are not required, but are encouraged to wear face masks or face coverings when on dedicated school buses, and when entering and exiting.
- Students are encouraged to wash or sanitise their hands before and after every trip. Payment is to be made by AT HOP card only – please make sure their AT HOP card is registered
- NZ COVID Tracer QR codes will be placed inside buses and students are encouraged to use them.
- Boarding and exiting will be through the rear door on buses with two doors. Single door buses can be used as normal and bus drivers will be wearing face masks.

## **Out of Zone Enrolments 2021**

A reminder to whaanau of current students and prospective students living out of zone, Out of Zone applications close at **4PM THIS WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER.**

Pick up a hard copy of the application from the school office, complete and return by 4pm Wednesday 2nd September. Alternatively download the form from the Out of Zone Enrolment 2021 section of our website (link below), complete and email to [enrolment@manurewa.school.nz](mailto:enrolment@manurewa.school.nz) with ALL supporting documents by 4pm Wednesday 2nd September.

**IN ZONE enrolments are now being accepted.**

The process for in zone enrolments 2021 has moved online as detailed in the flyer below. We would appreciate in zone applications being submitted online by Friday 25 September.

Visit our school website for all the details on enrolment 2021

<https://www.manurewa.school.nz/enrolments/enrolment-information-2021>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need support.

Ngaa mihi

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