

MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, 20 Sept, 2021

Important - Level 3 Update

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

With the government confirming the move to Level 3 from 11.59pm on Tuesday, 21 September, I can confirm that our 'bubble classes' will come back into effect from **Wednesday, 22 September**.

As has occurred previously at Level 3, most children will continue with distance learning, with the advice being that this will remain in effect at least through to the end of this term.

Students must continue to learn from home if there is at least one caregiver available (even if they are working remotely from home). This may now, however, be extended to include other "small but exclusive" arrangements that can be made through friends and family within a wider 'bubble' for childcare purposes.

Some key information on precautions on site at Level 3 is included below for your information, together with a sign-up form for those who need to enrol their child(ren). This is crucial for organisation and planning purposes, so please make it a priority to complete this within the next 24 hours if needed.

As you may be aware, guidance on mask use is that they are now a requirement from High School level. The message is also clear, however, that masks are now strongly encouraged generally, and that they make a significant difference. While they are not a requirement in Primary Schools, we recommend that *all children that are able to manage to wear one independently do so when attending school at Level 3* (at least at this early stage). This is not mandatory, however. It is still ultimately a matter of parental choice (and may not be appropriate for some younger children).

In anticipation of possible questions relating to vaccination status and implications for future school policy at lower alert levels, the current situation is that children under 12 are, of course, not eligible for vaccination.

As for staff, schools do not have any authority to enforce requirements for workers to be vaccinated. Furthermore, vaccination status is subject to privacy laws and confidentiality. Nonetheless, I am pleased to be able to confirm that we anticipate exceptional vaccination rates across the whole MENPS team by the time we reach Level 2.

Finally, it is worth reminding that Level 3 is still some way from a zero-risk environment. Cases will continue to be identified and significant restrictions remain in place. Hopefully, however, we can feel some collective measure of relief at marking a significant step closer to relative normality.

As ever, please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or concerns at any stage.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

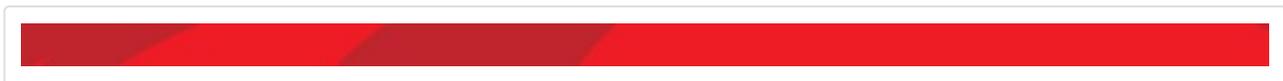
Alan Jackson
Principal

Important - Please click on the link below to indicate if your child will need to learn at school during Level 3

[Important - Confidential L3 Care...](#) forms.gle

On-site Precautions at Level 3

- A full site 'deep clean' of all contact surfaces
- 'Bubble' classes of no more than 10 students
- Children on site working independently and at distance, with care taken to avoid close/direct contact
- Siblings placed together in 'bubble' classes
- No mixing between 'bubble' classes – designated areas for breaktimes
- Enhanced, regular cleaning of contact surfaces
- Airflow/ventilation guidelines for indoor spaces
- Access to shared facilities (such as toilets) carefully organised and monitored
- Visitors restricted
- Masks strongly **recommended for staff and students**. Please note, however, that they are **not mandatory**, as per Ministry of Health guidelines for Primary Schools



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