

25 August 2020

Kia ora koutou

As announced yesterday by the Prime Minister we are moving back to Alert Level 2 next week (31 August).

At Alert Level 2 all children are to be attending school (unless they are sick or have been directed to self isolate) but with heightening hygiene, and distancing as possible (staying out of moist breath zones and not touching each other).

At Level 2 we are also to ensure contact tracing so this means a to return to parents dropping and collecting children at an allocated gate and all parents who had to come onsite would be required to sign in at the office. Parents of our new entrants are welcome to continue to come onsite to drop off by signing in at the office.

If you recall from our last experience at Alert level 2 contact tracing is really important. One of the key ways we ensure tight processes around this at school is managing students' entrance to school via the school gates. We know using a different gate to normal isn't always convenient and we continue to be grateful for your support.

Our gate situation has changed since we were last at Alert level 2 so please read and consider the following information carefully.

- The Scotsmoor gate is closed due to the work on the turf/field - this is now the entrance for the construction workers.
- Those who were allocated the Scotsmoor gate should now enter the school through the gate at the front of the hall. Please do not drive through or park in the dropzone as this is reserved for those in Kiwi team or with dropzone passes.
- Those who were allocated the Drop zone gate please continue to use this gate. The kiwi team are allocated the gate at the drop zone. Unless you have a drop zone pass it may be easier to park and walk to this gate.
- If you were allocated the Belfry gate at Alert level 2 earlier this year please go back to using this gate. A reminder that as this gate is accessed across the grass students may want to wear gumboots or bring a change of socks to wear to ensure their feet are dry.
- If you were allocated the Turnberry gate at Alert level 2 earlier this year please go back to using this gate. A reminder that as this gate is accessed across the grass students may want to wear gumboots or bring a change of socks to wear to ensure their feet are dry. Please be aware of students crossing the road in this area and drive slowly.
- **If you are new to our school** – if you have a child in the kiwi team your gate will be the gate by the office in the drop zone. If you are new and your child is not in the kiwi team please contact maramac@reremoana.school.nz and you will be allocated a gate (most likely the one closest to your address).

Masks: If your child wishes to wear a mask at school they are most welcome to do so. Masks must be worn correctly to be safe (eg not touched and put on with clean hands), if you wish for your child to wear a mask at school please teach them to use it correctly and safely.

Please see below for additional Level 2 information (most of which is a repeat of information from earlier in the year but worth revisiting. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Ngā Manaakitanga

Julie Cowan

Reremoana School at Level 2

This update includes a lot of important information that we hope will both inform and reassure you and your children – it is the mostly the same information from Level 2 in May 2020.

At Level 2 we can operate relatively normally, due to our ability to contact trace. During Level 2 we are taking extra precautions in the interests of child and staff safety, and to ensure our contact tracing processes are running smoothly.

Drop off and pick up

Pick up and drop off times are times when we are needing to be especially careful. We want to minimise the potential for people, adults in particular, to gather. Please respect these requirements as we transition back to school life on site

- There will be no entry to the school grounds for students or parents before 8:15 a.m. (unless your child/children is/are enrolled in before school care with Ultimate Kidz). Gates will remain locked until this time. Please do not drop off your child/ren, or have them walk to school, before this time.
- If your child needs to be at school before 8:15 or to remain after 3:10, please enrol with Ultimate Kiz - Lisa 021916677
- We expect that the vast majority of our children will be able to be dropped off at a school gate and make their way into their hubs independently. Our children were amazing at this last time we were in Level 2.
- Staff will be at all gates in the morning and afternoon to support drop off and pick up and ensure we don't get crowds of people congregating.
- If you must pick up your child/children, we encourage you to meet your child/children at a designated space away from the gate you nominate, to ensure we don't have crowding at the gates.
- We need to spread our foot traffic between all our gates to ensure we don't have crowding at any one particular gate.
- We are reserving the drop zone for our youngest and newest children, our students in the Kiwi team. Kiwi team parents, if you are parking and coming into the school, please park in the visitor parking side of the drop zone or outside of the drop zone. If you are just dropping your child, then stop on the left 'drop' side. You may not leave your car if stopping on the left hand side. Children with siblings in Kiwi Team may also enter and exit from the gate at the drop off zone.
- Any parent who enters the school at any time will need to sign in and out for contact tracing purposes, so we are asking you to only come into the school if absolutely necessary. See the suggestions below for minimising the need to come on site
- When at school or outside of school collecting or dropping off, please maintain a 2m distance from others.
- Please ensure your child arrives at school before 9am to avoid the need to go through the office to sign in late.
- If your child/children is/are not walking home, please collect them promptly. We do not want anyone lingering on the school site or surrounding streets, past 3:10pm
- Please pass this information on to caregivers/family members who may be

picking up/dropping off on your behalf. **This is vitally important – at our previous experience of level 2 we had confusion when others came to pick children up and didn't have the information they needed.**

- The NZ Covid Tracker App QR is on all gates and in the office – please use it to keep track for yourself when you have been at our school.

Minimising coming on to the school site:

- Please contact the office via phone or email, rather than coming in to have a query answered.
- Please use Kindo or online banking for making payments.
- A reminder that you enter the office (even just to drop something off or ask a question) you will be required to sign in/give your name and details
- Please organise lunch for your child in the morning to avoid the need to drop lunch off during the day.
- Please email your child's teacher with any questions or concerns relating to your child/our child's learning.

If your child is unwell

- If your child is unwell for any reason, you MUST keep them at home.
- If your child presents as being unwell at school, you will be contacted to urgently collect them.
- If you or your child is showing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 please get tested (we may require you to share your child's test results with us).

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HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY
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Do's →

- Wash your hands before touching the mask
- Inspect the mask for tears or holes
- Find the top side, where the metal piece or stiff edge is
- Ensure the colored-side faces outwards
- Place the metal piece or stiff edge over your nose
- Cover your mouth, nose, and chin
- Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides
- Avoid touching the mask
- Remove the mask from behind the ears or head
- Keep the mask away from you and surfaces while removing it
- Discard the mask immediately after use preferably into a closed bin
- Wash your hands after discarding the mask

Don'ts →

- Do not use a ripped or damp mask
- Do not wear the mask only over mouth or nose
- Do not wear a loose mask
- Do not touch the front of the mask
- Do not remove the mask to talk to someone or do other things that would require touching the mask
- Do not leave your used mask within the reach of others
- Do not re-use the mask

Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1 metre distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.

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HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL FABRIC MASK SAFELY

Do's →

- Clean your hands before touching the mask
- Inspect the mask for damage or if dirty
- Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides
- Cover your mouth, nose, and chin
- Avoid touching the mask
- Clean your hands before removing the mask
- Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head
- Pull the mask away from your face
- Store the mask in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it
- Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag
- Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day
- Clean your hands after removing the mask

A fabric mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 1 metre distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.

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School will be a bit different - Please chat to your child/children about this:

School will mostly look the same; we can use all the equipment, we can play on the playgrounds. Classrooms will mostly look the same and best of all, all the teachers will be there! What's different is we will be washing our hands and sanitising our hands a lot! We will be encouraging children to give each other space, staying out of each other's moist breath zone and of course, not hugging!

Please help us by talking to your child about school in Alert Level 2, explaining that school is a safe place for them to be and we are keeping school and them safe by:

- Reinforcing the importance of hygiene - washing hands, coughing and sneezing into elbows.
 - Before and after they play on the playground, they will wash their hands.
 - Before and after playing with a ball/lego etc, they will wash their hands.
 - They won't be able to hug their friends and teachers, they will need to give each other space.
 - Explain how arriving at and leaving school will be different (specific drop off and collection points)
 - Please let your child's kaitiaki teacher know via email, of anything we need to be aware of for your child, to ensure their transition back to school is smooth and happy.
 - Students are to bring their own food and a named drink bottle, which is to go home every day.
 - Children are not to share food.
 - Lunch orders will be available (via EZlunch/kindo on Wednesday-Friday)
 - Children are to wear school uniform
 - If you need to try on uniform for size, please call the office to arrange a time.
- Mostly remind them that they have done this before and were FANTASTIC and they can do it again!



Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds). Then dry.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.



Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.



Stay home if you feel unwell.

As it has been throughout this year we will continue to have a focus on your child's wellbeing. If there is anything you are concerned about please let your child's kaitiaki teacher know.

If you have any concerns about your child attending school in Level 2 or would like to discuss further any part of our Level 2 plan please contact me juliec@reremoana.school or via the school office.