



Kingsford School

Returning Safely @ Level 2

Schools are open to everyone, and the Ministry of Education states that all children must attend

At Alert Level 2 the disease is contained but there is still risk of community transmission. **It is safe for children and staff to attend school** as there will be appropriate measures in place, including for children and staff vulnerable to severe illness. Our health and safety plan is in place as it has been under every alert level, and you can be assured we'll continue doing everything we can to keep children safe.

Every day a young person attends school matters because it:

- increases their ability to achieve
- provides an important emotional and support network for them, with their friends and classmates
- keeps them engaged in learning
- gives them direct contact with their teachers
- is an environment where the focus is on their safety, wellbeing and learning
- helps them feel more comfortable transitioning throughout their schooling journey

Here are the key things in place at Kingsford School to minimise the risk of Covid-19 at our school:



Gate opens at 8.00am

Your child will not be able to enter the school grounds before this time.

- There are no bubbles at school
- Students will enter through the school hall, and go straight to their classrooms where their teacher will be waiting for them
- Students will need their own, named drink bottle

It is also **IMPORTANT** that you let us know if you will be keeping your child home for any reason.



Keep sick children at home

Any person displaying any flu-like symptoms will not be allowed to enter the school grounds.

- Health checks will occur:
 - At the school gate (on entry – by our Whanau Support Worker)
 - On entering the classroom (by class teacher)
 - Ongoing though the day
- Anyone presenting with flu-like symptoms will be isolated in the sickbay and sent home immediately

It is also **IMPORTANT** that if you or any member of your whanau develops flu-like symptoms, you seek advice from your GP or Healthline (0800 611 116) immediately, and get tested for Covid-19 if advised to do so – testing is free.



Practice good hygiene

Students will be regularly taught and reminded to:

- Wash and dry/sanitize their hands regularly
 - On entering the classroom
 - After break times
 - Before and after eating
 - After visiting the bathroom
 - After blowing their nose
- Cough and sneeze into their elbow
- Avoid touching their face.
- Stay out of other people's 'breath zone'



It is also **IMPORTANT** that you reinforce these messages at home. Students and staff are welcome to wear a face covering, however this is not compulsory or expected by the school.



Physical Distancing

While this can be hard to achieve, especially with young children, we have the following protocols in place:

- Students go straight to class on arrival at school
- Separate break times for junior and senior students
 - Students eat on the deck/area outside their classroom, monitored by their class teacher
 - Junior students only play on the junior side of the school, senior students on the senior side
 - Junior and Senior students will not be in the playground at the same time
- School assemblies and other such gatherings are currently on hold

It is also **IMPORTANT** that when not at school, you and your whanau maintain a 2 metre distance from others at all times.



Visitors to School

Visitors and whanau are welcome to visit school, however must adhere to the following:

- Sign in using the Government Covid-19 Tracing app and/or sign into the school visitors log
- Keep visits as short as possible, and only visit essential spaces in the school
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from others (apart from those in your whanau)
- Please use hand sanitizer available when entering school

It is also **IMPORTANT** to note that whanau will be asked to wait at the school gate when collecting their children from school at 3.00pm.

Worried? Concerned?

We understand that you may have some concerns about sending your children back to school. If this is you, then please:

- Stay connected with us. Let us know if you have concerns and be willing to share them with us
- Be open to working with us to create a plan to enable your children to return to school

You can contact us any time via the office (2759447), after hours (027 2759433) or via email (office@kingsford.school.nz). Our Alert Level 2 Safety plan is available on our school website: www.kingsford.school.nz

