



Kingsford School

Returning to School @ Level 1

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

Our move down to Alert Level 1 last week provides all of us with certainty that it is safe for all children and young people to physically attend school. If your children are returning to classes for the first time in a while, they will be excited to see their friends and teachers, and our teachers will look after them if they are also a little anxious.

Your children's learning, health and wellbeing is important to us – and we can't wait to see them next week. It will also be good for them to get back into normal routine. 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 that will remain in place at Kingsford to minimise the risk of Covid-19 at our school:



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'
- No sharing of drink bottles



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

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)
- Use hand sanitizer available when entering school

It is **IMPORTANT** to note that whanau are now free to enter and exit the school grounds, provided the above expectations are adhered to.

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:
 - 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.

Regular Cleaning & Disinfecting

We will continue to maintain our cleaning and disinfecting routines from Level 2. This means:

- All classes are equipped with surface cleaner and cloths/towels
- Surfaces are regularly wiped down during the day
- The whole school is cleaned thoroughly each day
 - All surfaces, including door handles and other 'shared' surfaces are wiped down with disinfectant
 - Shared equipment is wiped down where necessary

It is also **IMPORTANT** that you continue to talk to your children about ensuring they are maintaining these practices to keep themselves safe in all environments as well as at school.



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

