



From the Hot Seat (Principal's Message)

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karanga maha o te motu, tena koutou katoa.
Greetings to you all.

Covid-19 update 12 August 2020

Kia ora koutou te whanau o Edgcumbe Primary School

The shift in alert levels announced by the Prime Minister last night was the last thing any of us wanted to hear, but thank you for the calm and sensible way you have responded to this latest news.

I would like to let you know that Edgcumbe Primary School is well prepared this time but there is information below to remind you about the important things to do under Alert Level 2.

We are working with the Ministry of Education on various scenarios that might occur from midnight Friday so we can continue to support you but if you are concerned about anything, please get in touch with me at school.

Alert Level 2 applies from midday today. At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school. There will be appropriate precautions in place.

The following information are some of the precautions that I have engaged and will be in place until the Alert Level is changed (Friday 14 August)

- I ask that any child who is sick is **to stay at home**. If your child is exhibiting signs of Covid please inform your Doctor and **have them tested**.
- Under Alert Level 2 **parents and caregivers will not be allowed on site**.
- We wish to encourage a drop off and pick up only approach to restrict the number of adults on site. Where possible there should be one person designated for pick up and drop offs. Please **be respectful** of this as it is the **most likely** chance of Covid - 19 entering the school grounds.

Students **will not be allowed to enter school grounds before 8.15am**.

- **If you do wish or need to come on site please come to the school office to register and register as a visitor. We have a contact tracing Q Code for you to use. Please download the APP.**

- Children and staff who are at higher-risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.
- Please be alert to illness and ask anyone who is presenting as unwell to go home, or ask parents and caregivers to come and pick the child up.
- Messaging about good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette to be reinforced.
- Soap and water is very appropriate for washing hands, particularly if hand sanitiser stocks are low.
- For schools, children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable and reasonable 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).
- Masks are not required at schools and early learning services at Alert levels 2 and 3. I understand and acknowledge that the next few days for some may be scary and unsettling. But I wish to assure you that our school community is a safe place where your child will be well **CARED FOR**.

Be well Kahu Walker, Principal