



WHAKAMARU SCHOOL

Growing Creative Thinkers

Requirements Under COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 2

Leaving home	Children are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home. Parents, caregivers and students will need to work with the school to develop a plan to manage safe travel to school.
Staff safety	Staff are able to work on-site if they can do it in a safe way. Staff and employers should discuss and agree whether additional control measures can be put in place, whether these workers can work from home, or if not, what leave and pay arrangements will apply. Staff to work with their GP or specialist if they need help understanding their own level of risk and how best to stay healthy.
Sanatiser	Hand sanitiser at entry to classrooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands must be provided in bathrooms. If hand sanitiser is in short supply, washing and drying hands with soap is still the most effective hygiene measure.
Breathable space	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. (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds).
Surfaces	Disinfect and clean all surfaces daily
Visiting groups to school such as KIWICAN etc	Schools, like workplaces, are not considered to be gatherings. If however a school brings others onsite eg, hire out school hall, use of buildings by community groups, or events like school productions and school balls then rules for gatherings and other public health measures would apply. No gathering of more than 100 people.
Physical Education maintains hygiene practises.	Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice should be observed before and after playing with equipment. There will also need to be regular cleaning of shared equipment such as balls, sticks etc. Physical distance is not possible in some sporting activities. In these situations extra emphasis on handwashing and drying (or cleansing with hand sanitiser) before and after activities and regular cleaning of equipment is very important.
Contact Tracing	Contact tracing remains a priority through our visitor register, timetable and attendance register. We are required to display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App.
Contact tracer and school register	To support contact tracing, record all visitors who are on-site for a period of time, including parents and caregivers, in your visitor register (as is usual practice but also to assist if contact tracing is necessary). For drop offs and pickups, if the parent or caregiver uses the COVID-19 App we don't need to capture them in our visitor register.

	<p>For parents and caregivers who cannot use the App, we will need them to record details in our school register if the parent travels onsite only. <i>If parents do pick-ups and drop-offs and do not leave their car, they do not need to fill out the visitors register.</i></p> <p>Volunteers can be used at Alert Level 2 in class as long as they are meeting all the public health requirements and are recorded in your timetable and/or visitor register (make sure you have up to date contact information for them). Our visitor register is kept for at least 2 months.</p>
Teaching groups & learning	<p>Teachers are able to teach more than one group/class of students.</p> <p>Learning will be onsite with <i>distance learning provided for those requiring to self-isolate, those individuals who health authorities have asked to stay away while waiting for a test result, or those choosing to remain at home because they are vulnerable to illness.</i></p>
Fruit in schools Breakfast club	<p>If you prepare food on site you must check the MPI guidance on food businesses and ensure your school and any suppliers meet all health and safety requirements before you recommence the supply of food to your student. Healthy lunches will continue.</p>
Libraries	<p>Libraries can be operated as the virus does not survive for long on paper and cardboard (less than 24 hours), so books and other paper and cardboard can be put aside overnight and used the next day by other students. Books with plastic sleeves should be wiped down with a disinfectant wipe before re-issuing the next day.</p>
Visiting groups to school	<p>Other schools' students can come on-site during the week and for school-run out of hours' programmes. External providers can come onsite including for example other teachers and team coaches/managers.</p> <p>For hosting external students onsite (eg, music programmes, technology schools), we will treat the running of these programmes with strong caution, particularly if there are a number of different schools participating or large numbers of students (and parents and caregivers) involved. We will develop a specific health and safety plan for managing any new programme to minimise congestion should be a key priority for that plan, if we have groups come to our school including in the classrooms or spaces being used for delivery.</p> <p>If parents and caregivers come into the classrooms or other teaching spaces to observe, you will need to apply the current rules for gatherings at this alert level.</p>
Share supplies and equipment	<p>Shared supplies and equipment are able to be used if students and staff are undertaking regular hand washing and staying away if sick</p>
Sports outer practises	<p>Practices, rehearsals and performances can go ahead – physical distancing of 1 metre is recommended where practicable including singing and using wind instruments.</p>
Water fountains	<p>We encourage the use of water bottles.</p>
Transport to school	<p>For schools at Alert Level 2, Ministry operated school transport services are running as normal. Vehicles will be sanitised after each school run and drivers have been asked to wear face masks. Drivers will not be asking passengers to wear face coverings or refusing transport to students not wearing them.</p>