

Wednesday 2 March 2022

Kia ora e te whanau

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is our top priority.

As anticipated by the nation's reaction to the COVID-19 spread, we have recieved notifications of two positive cases within our Whakamaru School community this afternoon. If your child/ren are in the same class as the identified positive cases, we will contact you personally by email.

This letter contains information about what you and your family need to do. Please read this carefully. If they have been wearing a mask, the rest of the class can still attend school. These official rules are regularly changing and we will keep you up to date with current guidelines as we receive them.

We are following all Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidelines for the COVID-19 health and safety practices, maintaining routines to ensure the safety of our school community. We are using our Covid-19 procedures to ensure our school is operating safely and effectively for our students and staff.

If your child/ren develop any of the Covid-19 symptoms please get them tested and self-isolate immediately. Children will be able to return to school after 7 days as long as they are symptom free.

What this means
Self-Isolate
☐ Your child must stay away from other household members if possible.
☐ They cannot leave the house for any reason. Unless for testing or for an emergency.
☐ They can't have any visitors
Symptoms
☐ A new or worsening cough.
☐ Sneezing and runny nose.
☐ A fever
☐ Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.
☐ Sore throat
☐ Shortness of breath.
Please do not send your child/ren to school if they have shown any of the Covid symptoms.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me. Thank you for your ongoing support.
Nga mihi nui Matua James