

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua Care of the land, care of the people, go forward!

Tēnā koutou,

Now that we have returned to Alert Level 2, Kapakapanui School will continue to operate, mindful of its obligations to keep everyone safe. Below are some key points from the Ministry of Education for **all of New Zealand excluding the Auckland region**.

- At Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students, children and staff to attend school.
- Please keep your child at home if they are unwell.
- Please reinforce with your children good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette-cough into the elbow, turn away from others, wash hands after going to the toilet etc.
- Soap and water is very appropriate for washing hands.
- Children 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).
- Please sign the register or scan the app which is displayed on the gates if you have to come into school. Please download the NZ COVID Tracer
 App-thank you for this.

Masks

Masks are not required at schools and early learning services at Alert levels 2 and 3.

Drink bottles-please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school. There are sinks in all classrooms as well as drinking fountains where the bottles can be refilled.

We have **plenty of hand sanitisers and soap** in the classrooms and toilets. Additional stocks of sanitizer have been ordered and are arriving this afternoon. Our cleaners will continue to provide a high standard of cleaning, particularly surfaces, handles and toilets.

The teachers will be available as usual for appointments and catch ups. Please touch base with them if you have any queries, concerns or information to pass on.

Finally, on a wider level we all know that when we all follow the appropriate guidelines things are likely to return to normal quickly. We'll continue to provide you with updates and information as it comes to hand-thank you again for your support!

Please feel free to contact me via email <u>craig.vidulich@kks.school.nz</u> or call me directly on 027 407 8834 if you have any questions or queries.

Ngā mihi nui,

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