

COVID-19 NEWSLETTER #5-2021

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Term 4, Week 1 - Sunday 17 October 2021

Level 2 School Operating Conditions

Dear Parents

Welcome back to term four and thank you for following our pick up and drop off conditions. These are set to stay in place until we return to Level 1. We know this can be hard, especially for our younger students. We want you to know that once your child is at school and in the classroom any apprehension they have quickly goes and they are busy getting ready for school. A reminder about our conditions:

Level 2 Drop Off – These conditions apply while we are in Level 2

Where	All students to be dropped off and enter through the hall on Thomson St. This is the only entrance in the morning. This allows staff to offer sanitiser and check for any sickness. Any child who is unwell must stay at home.
When	8.30-8.55am.
Parent Queries	The office is open for parent queries. All visitors need to wear a mask and complete the visitor register, even if they scan in the code.

Level 2 Pick Up – These conditions apply while we are in Level 2

Walking/Biking Home	From 2.50pm onwards these children will leave from the main gate outside the office
Bus Children	From 2.50pm onwards these children will wait on the court near the office and board the bus after 3pm
Families and After School Programmes	From 2.50pm onwards siblings will gather on the court by the office and leave when their parent/ride arrives to pick them up
Single Children from Rooms 1-5 & 7	From 2.50pm these children will gather outside Rooms 1 and 2 and leave when their parent arrives to pick them up
Single Children from Rooms 6-12	From 2.50pm these children will gather on the court outside Room 6 and leave when their parent arrives to pick them up

Appointments with Staff and The Principal – Level 2

During Level 2 we are unable to offer an open-door policy. If you wish to see your class teacher or the Principal, please make an appointment at the office or contact them via email.

BYO Devices – Level 2

Students can bring their own devices so that we do not have to share devices in the classroom. Students bringing their own device will sign into our wifi which is filtered by Network for Learning.

Masks

Please read the following carefully:

- Masks are optional in schools for children and staff.
- If you want your child to wear a mask, you will need to supply it and teach them how to use them correctly. Staff are not available to look after masks or fit them.
- Children can wear them at any point during the day.

Vaccinations – Level 2

As per the Government mandate, our school will be complying with the requirement to have staff, contractors and other regular visitors in our school checked for their vaccination status. The Ministry of Education is clarifying whether parents who volunteer for camps or in the classroom are required to be vaccinated. The current position is anyone who does not have contact with a child, or someone who works with a child, does not need a vaccination.

Important Dates and Events:

School Athletics/Cluster Athletics (Tinwald, Netherby, Chertsey and Fairton) – Wednesday 27 October

This is now planned for Wednesday 27 October and a postponement day of Thursday 28. If we are in Level 2, we will hold athletics on this date, at our school. We are working on how spectators and children can be managed without the groups mixing.

Labour Day – Monday 25 October

School is closed on this day

Canterbury Anniversary – Friday 12 November

School is closed on this day

Year 5/6 Camp – 22-24 November

This is still able to go ahead under Level 2

End of Year Reports

We will be doing our best to complete end of year reports, however due to the time we lost in term 3, we would like parents to know that not all of the teaching we planned took place and this could make our final assessments difficult to complete.

Prize Giving Assembly – Friday 10 December

If we are still at Level 2, this event will be modified so that we can meet seating requirements at the Event Centre. It is likely we would need to hold two assemblies on this date, one for Juniors and one for Seniors, so that there are enough seats available.