



4 February 2022

INSTALMENT NOTICE TO PARENTS No 3.

We are doing our best to get the year underway without overtly portraying an atmosphere of angst. We know that adult anxieties expressed at home or among teachers will ultimately trickle down to our children and may have negative impacts further down the line. We learned this from our post lockdown 2020 experiences. As such our start of school - first month at least - will be entirely focused on settling our tamariki into the new learning environment that is 2022.

We held off communicating our third instalment until the Thursday bulletin from the Ministry came out. We were waiting to see if there was any change to the Ministry mandates - particularly around mask wearing - as it happens there has been no change. These don't come until after 4pm so it's not possible to share information until the following day. Thank you for your patience.

MASKS

Staff and students must wear masks when inside at school from Year 4 to 8, when we are at Red. It is **recommended** that masks be a medical-grade. As we have composite classes in Year 3 and 4, we are encouraging our Year 3 students to wear masks, but we cannot mandate it. There will be students across the school who - for medical reasons - are not able to wear masks. In these cases an exemption will apply.

CHILDREN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

New Entrants

New Entrant children can be accompanied by a parent into their classrooms for the first 2 weeks. We will be working towards independence by Week 4. This will no doubt vary from child to child.

Entry: via the main small gate

Parents are asked to:

- scan in
- not linger
- observe 2 metre social distancing

Years 1 - 8 Children (via the most convenient gate)

- Parents are encouraged to say goodbye at the gate
- For the first few days, there will be a teacher at the gate if support is needed
- Children who arrive late report to the office as usual.

CHILDREN LEAVING AT THE END OF THE DAY

New Entrants and Year 1

At 2.50pm New Entrant & Year 1 children will be

- **dismissed to an adult** in the staff car park
- **EXIT:** via the **vehicle gate** beside to bank
- Parents coming into the car park are asked to
 - wear a face mask
 - scan in
 - observe 2 metre social distancing
 - avoid lingering

Years 2-4 children

- **Exit:** via the small car park gates.

Years 5-8 children

- **Exit:** via the bottom court side gate.
- *Older children picking up siblings can exit the most convenient gate.*

DISTANCE LEARNING PROTOCOLS

All children should be attending school unless they are unwell or self-isolating.

Distance Learning while school is open *(and teachers still have responsibility for teaching in classrooms)*

- Teams are currently collating a range of online resources for any child who needs to self-isolate.
- These will be shared as the need arises

MEET THE TEACHER

Obviously, the restrictions around school entry, grouping etc means that these events have to be delivered differently this year. A “Meet the Teacher” evening will be offered on Thursday 3 March on the basis of four families in the classroom at one time. Parents will book a ten minute slot through the office. This will be a meet and greet, it is not a learning conversation. More details will follow.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

This will be organised later in the term and these will be conducted through Zoom / Google Meet.

UNWELL CHILDREN

More than at any other time it is really important that unwell children are kept at home. If children develop cold or flu like symptoms, even if they appear to be mild, please keep them home and get tested. This will be a huge support in our attempts to keep everyone safe.

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