

Home learning under Alert Level 2

Under Level 2, it is now deemed safe for everyone to return to school. We anticipate that some families may still be reluctant to send their child(ren) back to school, and we understand this.

If you DO NOT intend on sending your child back to school for the Alert Level 2 period (from Monday 18th May), please complete the attached google form to help us manage absences in an efficient and effective way. Please fill in this form no later than Midday Friday 15 May.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedPLwFwX96-9Uw29OIKPbJAbWe-ADyTMLv7vLGS0NK1nj8zw/viewform>

Home learning for the rest of this week will be available. Please note that with all of our staff back at school as from Monday 18 May, teacher focus will be on the students at school. Spotlight will still be available for home learning for those students are are choosing not to attend school during Alert Level 2. Please remember the free to view home learning channel will still be available also.

Our Health and Safety Procedures

The key principles for Alert Level 2 are to:

- reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected
- understand that Level 2 is not business as usual.

This includes regular cleaning, use of hand sanitiser, handwashing, and reminding and helping children with those important habits such as coughing into their elbows, handwashing and drying. No one at school needs to wear any PPE.

Parents and Caregivers at Alert Level 2

Wherever possible, please drop your children off rather than coming into school. Students may now bike, scooter or walk to school to avoid congestion. Also consider using Countdown carpark. Staff will be patrolling both crossings, at Hukanui Road and on Thomas Road. We will operate the walking school bus in the afternoon to assist our learners to meet at Countdown.

Drinking Fountains Closed

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle.

The Playground will be Open

Our focus will be on washing hands before and after every break time. We are employing Carus Disinfecting and Sanitation Services to clean all playgrounds before Monday and regularly there after.

Sports and Physical Education

We are looking forward to sports and physical activity resuming. Again our focus will be on washing hands before and after use, and sports gear will be regularly cleaned.

Celebration Assemblies, Team Assemblies and School events

At this stage, we will not be holding these as they would be bringing together large groups of people.

Manaakitanga for Students back into school

Wellbeing and relationships has always been our priority and our staff will take the time to focus on this, and to rebuild culture and relationships, in a manner similar to what we would do at the beginning of each school year. We're really mindful of the wellbeing and readjustment of children back to school. We know that students will have experienced this lockdown in many different ways. Wellbeing and manaakitanga needs to be addressed before learning will happen.

Student Absence

For those students attending school during Alert Level 2, please follow the usual processes to advise of your child's absence:

- email reception@rototunaprimary.school.nz
- phone 07 853 2470, option 1.

Before and After school care

Before and after school care will be up and running again straight away, booking will be available using the same processes. If your child is new to this service, you will need to make contact with the team at kiwiclub05@hotmail.com Please be aware numbers may be limited.

The kiwi club will have a staff member at a desk near the covered court at the end of the day where you will be asked to sign your learners out. They will notify the hall and have your child join you outside.

NEW students to our school

With an extended period of closure, any students awaiting to enrol at our school will be most welcome to attend. For any beginning New Entrant students, our experienced team will look forward to welcoming you to our Mānuka Hub . Unfortunately, at this stage we will not be holding a Whakatauki to welcome you this term.

Our School Day

Students cannot enter classrooms until 8.30am. We suggest that students arrive at school close to 8.45am. Unless booked at after school care, all students are to be off site by 3.05pm. We appreciate your support with this.

Reminders

Keep any students who are sick at home until they are well. Keep reminding them about the importance of hygiene and washing their hands. Ask about their school day and stay connected to us via email.

For more detailed information at Alert Level 2, you can visit <https://covid19.govt.nz>

If you have any further questions or comments please feel free to make contact with us at reception@rototunaprimarv.school.nz

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Thanks again for all your support and understanding over this challenging period.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our Rototuna Learners and Whānau back to school.

Ngā Mihi

James, Kylie, Stacey and Tina.