

Alert Level 2

Info #1 Health and Safety Guidelines for all

Dear Parents, Whānau Carers and all staff,

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the Oaklynn community through these challenging times. Please remember that at the heart of our work is wellbeing and kindness. Over the next few weeks we really need to look out for one another and care for each other.






With the news that the country is moving to Alert Level 2 just before midnight on Sunday, August 30th, **we are really looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, August 31st.**

Below is some important information that will help both the school, staff and your family prepare for a return to school. It also gives you information as to how school will operate over the next week or so.

Most importantly, any staff member or student who shows any symptoms of illness must stay at home - this includes those with colds and coughs. Parents and caregivers of students who come to school while they are unwell, will be asked to collect their children from school.

Ministry of Education guidelines state that the key controls for schools and all workplaces are:	What is Oaklynn doing to
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure people with COVID-19 symptoms or feel generally unwell stay away from school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellness checks for all staff, learners and visitors. (will include temperature check) Sending those who are unwell home - with any signs of Covid 19 or temperature 38°C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain physical distancing (in schools this means children, young people, and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other) <p>Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. In an Alert Level 2 school environment, this means children, young people, and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There are situations where physical distancing is not possible, such as some (of our class activities . In these situations extra emphasis on handwashing and drying (or cleansing with hand sanitiser) before and after activities and regular cleaning of equipment is very important.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not getting too 'hung up' on distancing with students - hand hygiene is the remedy! Reminding 1 meter distancing with adults where practicable Use visuals supports to show distancing - eg; marking in places where staff may come together in numbers. Reduce share of 'moist breath' -masks are not required in schools however any staff and students that wish to do so may wear face masks. Students can wear masks in the taxis if parent/whanau prefer. (Taxi drivers will be wearing masks)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable good hygiene practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra cleaning products provided for all spaces • Wipe down of surfaces regularly throughout the day • Posters to remind staff of protocols for hygiene • Hand sanitiser available in all areas • Personal hand sanitiser for each staff member in addition to hand sanitiser bottles in all settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep track of people that enter your school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registers used in every setting - sign in and out • Registers also used for separate events (eg; Orthotics clinic)
<p>Extra precautions Oaklynn for week 31st August - 4th September. This will be reviewed at the end of the week.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce movement around school each day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors • Staff may visit one ONLY other setting other than their base of work each day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Excursions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community excursions to public/ indoor places • Acceptable outing might be a walk or trip to the local park.

<p>Parents - please drop your child off and do not go into the classroom - we are restricting visitors.</p>	
<p>It is preferred for food to be sent in your child's own lunch box - that does not need heating up - we are reducing handling of food.</p>	
<p>We are checking the wellness of everyone that enters the class. If your child is unwell or has a high fever (over 38°C) they will need to go home.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; gap: 20px;">    </div>	

Please contact us on 09-8274748 if you have any concerns or questions.

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