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OAKLYNN HEALTH UPDATE # 3 - PROACTIVE PRECAUTIONS

Kia ora Oaklynn community

We are going to make some proactive and preventative changes in light of COVID 19.

As you will be aware the Ministry of Education is confident that schools can continue to function in order to continue student learning. The Ministry of Education has also shared with us guidelines around:

1. Safe distancing:

“A reminder that a close contact is generally described as someone who was in near proximity (1.5 metres) of a person confirmed with the virus for 15 or more minutes. For those with compromised immunity that is 2 metres” (this means those with pre existing medical conditions - poor health, breathing issues, heart conditions etc)

2. Rethinking school functions:

*“Some people have asked why assemblies are different to classroom situations. The simple answer is that assemblies are not always **core to providing education**, and could be reduced or rearranged without impacting on learning.” (so assemblies, parent teacher interviews, sports events etc are being cancelled in many of our schools)*

CHANGES TO OAKLYNN FUNCTIONING

With the idea of **CORE TO PROVIDING EDUCATION** at the heart of our thinking we will be taking the following proactive preventative precautions to ensure that we maintain essential education functions and reduce other functions where reasonably and practicably possible.

From today we will be:

1. Cancelling where possible meetings / contacts with those who don't usually work at Oaklynn (ie meetings involving visitors , nursing students, volunteers etc)
2. Postponing meetings with families or looking for ways to gather information in different ways (as an example we might have a facetime meeting rather than meet at school) thank you for your support in this.
3. Cancelling our own staff meetings.

GENERAL REMINDER from the Ministry of Education says:

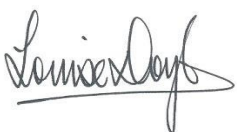
As you have been doing, please continue to focus on prevention of spread including through:

- *Washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly - before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet*
- *Covering coughs and sneezes with clean tissues or with an elbow*
- *Putting used tissues in the bin*

Staff and students need to stay home if they are unwell in any way.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards



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