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OAKLYNN HEALTH UPDATE # 4 COVID 19

Kia ora e te whānau,

As you will be aware the Ministry of Education is confident that schools can continue to function in order to continue student learning. However over the last few days we have had several queries from families on issues regarding COVID 19. In response I'd like to give you a further update on our actions and thinking.

1. TAXIS

Our taxi provider wants to alleviate whānau anxiety has reassured us of the following:

- Taxi drivers that drive the vehicles our students use will stay the same (won't change)
- If the taxi drivers are away then the management team of the taxi company will drive the taxi themselves rather than get temporary drivers.

2. CLASS OUTINGS

In order to keep our students and staff safe - we are avoiding activities where there are a constant flow of people and also enclosed spaces.

We will be ceasing these class programmes: Swimming, Movies, Shopping Malls, Gym, Cross fit, Supermarkets, Library, Cafes / food outlets, Public Transport, Special events

3. HYGIENE

We are aware that our students have some differences that make our hygiene situation a bit more complex than other schools - for example;

- some of our students are very 'hands on' and so our day to day work involves a lot of physical contact
- some of our students require a very high level of personal care
- some of our students don't have the social understanding of 'the rules' around touch, sneezing, maintaining good hygiene and personal space
- some of our students have pre-existing medical conditions that make them more vulnerable

Despite our complexities, our staff are following all the recommended hygiene protocols around hand washing and wiping down surfaces. They are also continuing to support students to understand the importance of hand washing and hygiene.

4. VISITORS - a reminder

- We have cancelled all meetings and visits from people out of our school.
- We have postponed or cancelled meetings with families
- We are finding other ways to communicate and share information with the wider community

If you have any concerns or queries please contact the senior leader of your child / young person's area of the school Joan, Kieron or Pilar on 827-4748. We will continue to keep you updated regularly.

Ngā mihi nui



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