

Community update 02/11

Kia ora e te whānau o Oaklynn,

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou ki to koutou whānau hoki.

As we find ourselves in Week 11 of lockdown we remind ourselves that in these tough times we will do well as long as we continue to be kind and be there for each other.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa. Let us keep close together, not far apart

How can we help?

We are very aware that this length of time in Lockdown can put extra strain on families. Living with these restrictions can be very upsetting for our tamariki and rangatahi.

If you need help please reach out and we can try to support you.

For any need - no matter how big or small please contact manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

Partial Reopening of Schools

As you may be aware Minister Chris Hipkins has announced an indicative date of 15 November for the return of year 1 - 8 students in Alert Level Three zones.

We thought that some of you might be wondering how this might affect you and your whānau and Oaklynn - so thought an update on this would be helpful.

The Minister has instructed the Ministry of Education to work with the sector to come up with options for what this will look like. Auckland School Principals - including those from Specialist Schools like Oaklynn are shaping the 'return to school' advice.

We know this will be great news to some and cause others angst and concern.

At Oaklynn we welcome the announcement from the Minister and are looking forward to working alongside the Ministry of Education to develop a pathway for reopening in a safe manner that will meet the needs of our ākonga and whānau. **TO BE HONEST** - we have very little idea as to what that might look like yet. We do know it will take some time and some tight organisation.

There are factors that need to be considered:

- Our partial return to school will be highly dependent on the availability of our own staff.
- The majority of our staff are support staff with children - their availability will depend on what the partial return looks like in their own children's schools.
- Health status of staff

What are we doing now?

At this point in time we are beginning to survey staff as to their current situation as we need clearer information on exactly how many of our staff have a) a health condition or b) primary aged children that they need to care for.

Next week we will:

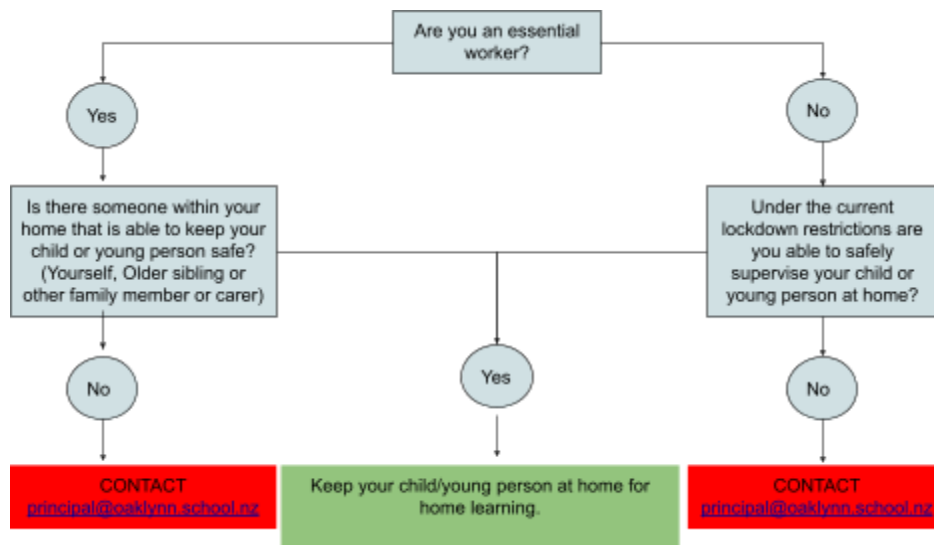
- begin collecting some information from you about what your whānau needs or preferences are in terms of return to school. We imagine there might be some families who do not want to return their child / young person and others who do.
- Begin to make plans based on the information we have.

Level 3 onsite programme

The Ministry of Education has stated that schools may have a very small number of students attend an on-site programme if they don't have an appropriate carer at home.

Oaklynn has accepted a small number of students to return to school this week because either;

- Both parents / carers are essential workers and there is no appropriate care at home OR
- They are no longer able to keep their child or young person safe at home.



If you are unable to safely supervise your child or young person at home please contact me directly on principal@oaklynn.school.nz

Support for whānau

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**ZOOM PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP - MONDAYS - 7-8PM AND
TUESDAY/FRIDAYS 10.30-11.30AM**

[Link to Disability Connex site - here](#)

MANAAKITANGA

Manaakitanga is one of Oaklynn's core values - it is a beautiful concept from Te Ao Māori (Māori world) and means "hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others".

It makes a difference

The support from the wider Oaklynn community really makes a difference to our whānau - two mums recently shared their comments;

NF: "It feels so good knowing that Oaklynn's team will come every week to check up on me to see how I'm doing. The food and the resources for my kids are a great help. You guys are the best!"

ST: "I just rang wanting to say thank you for the box of food and goodies you left for us. We truly appreciate it."

AROHA - OVER AND ABOVE

This week we would like to highlight how some of our staff have extended their aroha to our families. One of our teacher aides has connections with a bakery and delivered piles of fresh bread to go out with the food parcel last week and several staff in the Juniors made some extra special treats to be shared with our families - thank you for your generosity and your mahi - you know who you are and you make us very proud!





All staff interacting with learners or whanau will be vaccinated

The Board of Trustees has agreed unanimously, that in order to provide a safe environment for our staff and learners any staff having **face to face interaction with any learner or whānau** associated with our school **will have been doubly vaccinated.**

We believe this is the most proactive and preventative action we can take to keep our vulnerable learners safe.

This applies to:

- Supporting the onsite Level 3 programme
- If and when we return to school this term
- Any orthotics / physiotherapy clinics
- Any other activity where staff come into close contact with learners and their whānau

Staff will also have returned a negative test result prior to coming in to work or doing any of the above work for the first time.

**Noho ora mai
Louise Doyle
Principal
Oaklynn School**

Upsize your reo	
Te reo used in our updates	In english
Kia ora e te whānau o Oaklynn,	Hello to the family of Oaklynn

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou ki to koutou whānau hoki.	Many greetings /wishes to you all and we hope your family is well.
Tamariki	Children
Rangatahi	Young adults
Whānau	Family
Ākonga	Learner
Manaakitanga	hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others.
Mahi	Work

New Zealand COVID-19 Protection Framework

Factors for considering a shift between levels: vaccination coverage, capacity of the health and disability system; testing, contact tracing and case management capacity; and the transmission of COVID-19 within the community, including its impact on key populations.

Localised lockdowns: will be used as part of the public health response in the new framework across all levels, and there may still be a need to use wider lockdowns (similar to the measures in Alert Level 3 or 4).

Vaccination certificates: Requiring vaccination certificates will be optional for many locations. There are some higher-risk settings where they will be a requirement in order to open to the public. Some places won't be able to introduce vaccination requirements, to ensure everyone can access basic services, including supermarkets and pharmacies.

<p>GREEN</p> <p>COVID-19 across New Zealand, including sporadic imported cases.</p> <p>Limited community transmission.</p> <p>COVID-19 hospitalisations are at a manageable level.</p> <p>Whole of health system is ready to respond – primary care, public health, and hospitals.</p>	<p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings mandatory on flights, encouraged indoors Public facilities – open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail – open Workplaces – open Education (schools, ECE, tertiary) – open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specified outdoor community events – allowed
	<p>No limits if vaccination certificates are used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events (indoor/outdoor) Close contact businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms
	<p>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events (indoor/outdoor) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Close contact businesses – face coverings for staff, 1m distancing between customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing
<p>ORANGE</p> <p>Increasing community transmission with increasing pressure on health system.</p> <p>Whole of health system is focusing resources but can manage – primary care, public health, and hospitals.</p> <p>Increasing risk to at risk populations.</p>	<p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, encouraged elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public facilities – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workplaces – open Education – open with public health measures in place Specified outdoor community events – allowed
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	<p>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – contactless only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 50 people, based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate
<p>RED</p> <p>Action needed to protect health system – system facing unsustainable number of hospitalisations.</p> <p>Action needed to protect at-risk populations.</p>	<p>General settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record keeping/scanning required Face coverings mandatory on flights, public transport, taxis, retail, public venues, recommended whenever leaving the house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public facilities – open with up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing Retail – open with capacity limits based on 1m distancing Workplaces – working from home encouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education – schools and ECE open with public health measures and controls Specified outdoor community events – allowed with capacity limits
	<p>With vaccination certificates, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events (indoor/outdoor) – up to 100 people based on 1m distancing, seated and separated Close contact businesses – public health requirements in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gyms – up to 100 people, based on 1m distancing Tertiary education – vaccinations required for onsite delivery, with capacity based on 1m distancing
	<p>If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality – contactless only Gatherings (e.g. weddings, places of worship, marae) – up to 10 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact businesses, events (indoor/outdoor) and gyms are not able to operate Tertiary education – distance learning only 	