



Community update 22/02/2022

Kia ora e te whānau

The health and wellbeing of our ākonga, staff and whānau continues to be our top priority. As the complexity of the situation grows, we are being asked many questions. To help clarify we have collated some information below.

FAQ	A member of our household is a close contact. Can my child still attend school?	Answer	Yes. Your child is able to attend school.
FAQ	My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What does this mean?	Answer	This will mean your child will need to isolate. All family members will be close contacts and need to isolate too.
FAQ	A member of our household has tested positive. What does this mean?	Answer	This will mean that your child is also a close contact and also needs to isolate.
FAQ	Who do we advise if my child tests positive for Covid-19?	Answer	Please contact your school as possible.
FAQ	I am informed by the school that my child is a close contact. What does that mean?	Answer	They will need to isolate for 7 days and be tested on day 5. The 7 days start from the day after they were in contact with a positive case at school. We will give you this information in a letter.
FAQ	Do I need to provide anything before my child is able to return to school?	Answer	Yes. For positive Covid-19 cases or close contacts we would need to see the last negative test result via text.

FAQ

My child is anxious or scared. What advice do you have?

Answer

Our onsite staff are working hard to make being at school a fun, safe place of learning.

We encourage you to contact your teacher if you need support managing anxiety at home.

For useful tips visit:

www.kidshealth.org.nz

FAQ

How does the school work out who is a close contact?

Answer

There is detailed guidance around this and a range of criteria. Because our students spend a long time in the same classroom, this then fits the criteria for being a close contact.

FAQ

We received the letter saying my child is NOT a close contact. What do I need to do?

Answer

Most importantly, your child is still able to attend school.

You and your family should watch for symptoms.

If you develop symptoms, get tested immediately.

Then, stay at home until you receive the result.

Please keep an eye out for school communications.

If your family hasn't been vaccinated, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

FAQ

What actions does the school take when there is a positive case?

Answer

We follow a response plan based on guidance from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. This involves:

Seeking confirmation of the positive case, and when the infectious period was.

If this was on a school day, we then work through contact tracing

We will advise students that are close contacts via text/phone call and then follow up with an email.

If this occurs during a school day we may request that you collect your child/young person ASAP.

FAQ

If my child is a close contact does the rest of the household also need to isolate?

Answer

No, not for Auckland. The Auckland District Health Board and the Ministry of Health state this is no longer the case for Auckland.

Please note the Covid-19 website still says that other household members are secondary contacts, and also need to isolate for 5 days, but this does not apply to Auckland.

FAQ

My child needs to isolate at home. What support will the school provide around teaching and learning.

Answer

Our website is being updated regularly with ideas and links to support online learning. Teachers will contact you so they can understand what other support will be most useful for you and your child/young person.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me on pilar.romero@oaklynn.school.nz

Ngā mihi mahana,

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