



Community update 27/01/2022

Màlò e lelei, Tēnā koutou e te whānau, ngā mihi o te Tau Hou

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau. Our team is feeling refreshed and ready to go for the 2022 year and can't wait to welcome everyone back onsite.

As a reminder Pilar Romero is our Acting Principal for Term 1 as Louise is on her sabbatical leave. We would also like to share that at the end of 2021 our DP Joan Cummings relocated to Australia to be closer to her family. We wish her well for the future.



***Our hearts and thoughts are with our staff and students,
and kāinga of our Tongan community.***

In regard to COVID-19 we have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school and kura activities and events this year, and it is good to know that at Red setting we are able to support everyone learning onsite.

Oaklynn continues to work with the local Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health who provide the guidance for schools and health requirements.

Please find below our fact sheet that gives our community a simple overview of our plan for returning to school under Red level.

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

Pilar Romero

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Acting Principal

An overview of health measures for returning to school

Red level “Schools and kura are open for onsite learning for all students.”

We are expecting all ākonga and staff to return to school unless advised not to by a medical professional.

Health Measure / Risk	Detail
Children with complex medical needs and/or not vaccinated	Parents, whānau, carers are recommended to seek advice from their health professional about whether it is safe and appropriate for their child / young person to attend school on site.
Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All staff are fully vaccinated (2 doses of vaccine) - Booster vaccines are now mandated by MOE for all school staff - All learners are encouraged to be vaccinated
Face coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All staff are now mandated to wear approved masks. The Ministry of Education will provide masks for school staff. - Must be worn by learners aged 8 years and over. - There will be learners that are unable to wear masks due to their medical condition or sensory needs. We will support families to get exemptions if required. - There will be some staff who have a mask exemption.
Physical distancing	<p>There is no physical distancing required for within groups (staff and learners). Distancing between groups / staff is 1 metre when indoors.</p> <p>At Oaklynn we regard ‘groups’ as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classes in a satellite / local school - Base School classes as a whole group - OakTEC as a whole group
Ventilation	<p>Classes will be checked for good ventilation and CO2 levels.</p> <p>Oklynn has been already prioritised to receive the ventilation kits so we can start our testing as soon as they arrive.</p>
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No non-essential visitors on site - Parents are to drop off children and young people at the gate / door - please do not come into classrooms. - All essential visitors must wear a mask - Sign in and scan QR code for all settings
Staff across settings	<p>Staff working across settings will continue to work as usual. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outreach teachers - Therapists will be in classes - Specialist teachers - Arts and PE <p>This may be reviewed at any stage in the term.</p>
Feeling unwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff and learners must stay at home if they are unwell and have any of the COVID symptoms - Staff may call parents, whānau, carers to collect their child if they see any of these symptoms of concern

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have any of these symptoms, contact your doctor, - Contact Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or your iwi health provider. <p><u>Symptoms can include one or more of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a new or worsening cough - sneezing and runny nose - a fever - temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste - sore throat - shortness of breath <p><u>Less common symptoms may include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - diarrhoea - headache - muscle pain or body aches - nausea - vomiting - malaise — a general feeling of discomfort, illness or unease - chest pain - abdominal pain - joint pain - confusion or irritability
<p>When there is an OMICRON outbreak</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance will be provided by Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education - Classes or the school may close if and when staffing absences (due to COVID) reach a level where the class or school is unsafe to operate - This decision will be made by the Acting Principal and the Board of Trustees
<p>Cases of COVID</p>	<p><u>Close Contacts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Household members of a case are Close Contacts. - Other people who are identified as Close Contacts may live, work or have been in the same place at the same time as someone who is infectious with COVID-19. For example, they may have travelled on a plane, stayed over at the house or sat near someone at work who is a positive COVID-19 case. - Call this number if you have any concerns: COVID HEALTH ADVICE 0800 358 5453
<p>Learners at home because of COVID</p>	<p>There may be periods of time where learners are at home;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - either due to the need to self isolate or if the class has closed because of unsafe staffing levels <p>Learning from Home programmes will be provided to support learners - however these programmes may not take the form of live Zoom sessions as in Level 3 last year.</p>
<p>Whānau isolating at home</p>	<p>Families self-isolating who need extra support can call: COVID Welfare Phone Line on 0800 512 337 - open seven days a week.</p> <p>MSD will connect callers with someone – who may be from a local community organisation, a government agency or from marae-based services or support that iwi have established.</p>