

## Community update 29/03/2022

Kia ora e te whānau

As you may be aware, there are current updates by the government and the Ministry of Education regarding the removal of mandated vaccines/boosters for staff working within education. These are meant to be in effect within next month. As a specialist school which supports vulnerable learners we are mindful of ensuring that we seek appropriate advice and counsel to support us to make the right decisions for our school community. Any decision-making involved needs to meet the health and safety concerns of our learners; while keeping in mind the welfare, and rights, of current and future school employees. We are not seeking to change things in a hurry and will take our time to ensure that any decisions have the best interests of our learners and school community at the forefront. We will update if and when more information comes to play.

As we continue to think of our wider community at large, we currently have available - in limited numbers - RAT tests for families and staff who have difficulty securing these through other means. If you would like to get a hold of some of these tests for your whānau - please email the school office at: [office@oaklynn.school.nz](mailto:office@oaklynn.school.nz) - to let us know how many members of your family you require them for and when you intend to pick them up. Pick-ups will be from outside reception at Base school: 20 Mayville Ave, New Lynn.

While confirmed cases seem to be decreasing - it is important for us to maintain all health and safety protocols for students and staff.

Thank you once again for your support in regard to keeping our school community safe and well. It is a combined effort and we appreciate that everyone is making compromises to either stay home with their young person (if they are unwell) or to keep them at home (as a household contact) if a whānau member is unwell with Covid. This is the way we can continue to keep our whole school community as safe as possible.

If you have any further concerns or questions please feel free to contact me on [pilar.romero@oaklynn.school.nz](mailto:pilar.romero@oaklynn.school.nz)

Ngā mihi mahana,

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