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# Rangiora New Life School

RNLS Covid 19 newsletter 2021/5



6th September

Kia ora koutou

The announcement from the Government today of a move to Covid Alert Level 2 for the South Island means that Rangiora New Life School will reopen under Covid Alert Level 2 conditions on THURSDAY 9th September. We will restart on-site learning on that day. School buses will run to the usual timetable.

I share with you a passage from Ephesians 5:19-20

*Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.*

I am very thankful that we can get back on-site on THURSDAY where we as a school community will be able to learn and worship together in person with praise on our hearts.

We as a staff plan to be onsite on a teacher planning day Wednesday to prepare the school and the classrooms for the return to school. This will mean that off-site/on-line learning will be *lighter* that day for students, as staff are on-site and engaged in preparation at school.

## **For schooling purposes at Covid Alert Level 2**

*“Under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order, schools are exempted from physical distancing requirements when people are there to receive, provide, or support education services.*

*However, other health measures must be in place, including appropriate physical distancing (at Alert Level 2 for students – not touching each other and giving some breathing space; for adults, one-metre distance from other adults when practicable), hand washing, staying away if sick, contact tracing systems and regularly cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces.*

*Other students and staff can come onsite for learning purposes such as out-of-hours*

*music and art programmes, and technology centres (as they are there for education reasons).” MOE Alert Level 2 Covid guidelines.*

This means we restrict our school site to **teaching staff and students only**. All visitors to the site will sign in and we expect them to be masked if they are working with students – school sport coaches, RTLB’s, music teachers etc.

The drop-off and pickup points will be reinstated in the Stadium carpark for parents. Our support staff will be available to take children from the Stadium carpark to classes at the beginning of the day and return them to the Stadium carpark as we have done before. Parents may choose to walk children to the carpark adjacent to the church in Denchs Road, and collect them from this point. Please do not walk children into cloakrooms or into classrooms. Please maintain appropriate social distancing from other parents. New Entrant teachers will be in touch via Seesaw to outline arrangements for their classes.

The site has been thoroughly cleaned, as it will be daily. Furniture will be arranged to allow distancing to occur. Hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms.

Masks are not required by students – however, have been strongly recommended for students 12 years of age and older by the Ministry of Health - we will support family choices for students. School bus services will run as usual. School Buses do not *require* masking of students, however, the recommendation from the Ministry of Health applies here too.

We as a school are following Ministry of Education guidelines for Covid Alert Level 2 which can be accessed here [LINK](#). Our teaching staff are switching from off-site learning to on-site learning while at Covid Alert Level 2, so our support for students whose parents choose to keep them at home may be limited.

We are committed to making on-site learning under Covid Alert Level 2 to be as safe as possible and appreciate your support in doing this.

We as a teaching staff have really appreciated the support the community gave us at Alert Level 3 with only a small number of children requiring on-site learning. This allowed our teaching staff to focus on the education of the children at home. Thank you.

**I look forward to returning with the staff and students on-site on THURSDAY to Education at RNLS under Covid Alert Level 2 conditions.**

As always, I can be contacted on 027 778 3839 for any urgent matters.

Ngā mihi

Stephen Walters

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