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Message to Parents moving back into Alert Level 2:

Dear Whanau

As most of you will be aware now, the Prime Minister announced last night that all regions except Auckland will be moving to **Alert Level 2 at 11.50 pm Tuesday (tonight)**. We are all set and excited to welcome the children back on Thursday morning. However, it is not 'business as usual' for schools under level two Delta.

The Ministry of Education has announced some new measures for level 2 this time. I have highlighted these new changes below.

Schools will resume under level 2 from Thursday the 9th of September.

The school will still be open on Wednesday for the students who are currently attending under level 3. Teachers are not expected to run any zoom meetings on Wednesday as they will be at school setting up their classroom and preparing for students returning to school on Thursday.

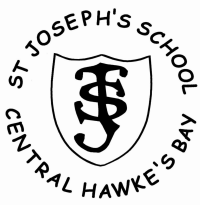
School buses will resume from Thursday morning. It is optional if you wish to wear a face mask - please remember to inform the office if your child is not on the bus.

Wearing a face mask at school is not mandatory for students or staff. But if you would prefer that your child wears a mask, please make sure they know how to wear it correctly.

The students and staff are considered one bubble, but under level 2 parents will not be allowed on-site unless collecting their child/children early from school and you must report to the office and scan in and someone will collect your child from the

What this means for our school:

- **Parents need to drop their children off at the school gate and teachers will be waiting at their classrooms to welcome students back.** Please remember you can drop your children off on River Terrace to save congestion at the church car park (students can enter through the small gate). Please take extra care dropping off your children - watch out for other children.
- We have reinstated our hygiene practices with hand sanitizer outside each classroom.
- Cough and sneeze etiquette needs to be used at all times (cough or sneeze into your elbow).
- We will resume social distancing where possible.
- The school will put in place extra cleaning practices to ensure all surfaces are sanitised this includes things like light switches and high traffic areas.



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- Remember if students are unwell (sore throat, headaches, any flu symptoms then they must remain at home. If students have vomiting or diarrhea they **must remain at home 48hrs after their last symptom.**)
- If a family member shows any flu-like symptoms then all family members must remain at home.
- If you are not sending your child/ren to school then you must inform the school office and if it is for a length of time please inform dates in writing.
- **Contact tracing is vital. Please inform the office if you are on-site via the office window and scan in, or Mrs Jackson will record your details.**
- **Inside gatherings are now restricted to 50 people if not part of the usual school bubble. What this means for us is that parents will not be able to attend school events until level 1.** So unfortunately parents will not be able to watch school speeches or attend assemblies.
- We would appreciate it that parents only enter the school grounds if it is necessary. **You must report to the office window to scan in and someone will collect your child from the classroom.**
- Reminder on the school bus please sit with your sibling or another child from your school. **Mask wearing on the bus is optional.**
- Please ensure that each student has their own drink bottle, with the new fountains there is a water bottle filler.
- No contact sports at school.
- Saturday sports - we will update you as soon as we know if these will still be going ahead.
- If students are unwell at school they will be sent home.
- There will be **no school assemblies where parents can attend under level 2.**

We will endeavour to keep you updated on any changes that may occur over the following days.

Kia Kaha everyone,

God Bless,

Ms Laugesen