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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we go again. It was a big relief to hear we are moving back to Alert Level 2 at the beginning of next week- 31<sup>st</sup> August. We look forward to welcoming all our students and staff back onsite from 8.30am.

Thank you once more to our parents and caregivers for the support and resilience you have shown through Alert Level 3.

Strong vigilance, good hygiene practices remain important for all of us.

Just a reminder that while everyone is onsite at Alert Level 2 next week, we must maintain the key health measures:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if sick
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (in class this means no touching each other and keeping out of breathing distance)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Please use the QR code posters at our entrances to the office and classrooms and we encourage all of our community to download the NZ COVID Tracer App and use it if they come onsite
- Anyone who cannot use the app and for other visitors who come onsite for a period of time- must sign in at the office.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. If your child wishes to wear a face covering while at school, we will of course support them.

The children will be happy that the playgrounds will be open again and as they have to sanitize their hands-on entering and leaving their classes it will be safe for all. The teachers will ensure that any sports equipment used is correctly cleaned after use before the next class uses it.

### **Gates**

All school gates will be open from 8.30 and closed at 9.10, they will be open again at 3.00 when the teacher arrives on duty. If there is any change in how you collected your child at level 2

previously then let the class teacher know, so we can get them to the correct gate for collection. Chartwell and Archers gate will be locked at 3.15pm.

Please be on time for collection, but if you are delayed then please inform the office as soon as possible so we can reassure your child they have not been forgotten. These children will need to be collected from the Wykeham gate.

### **Physical Distancing**

Please be aware when you come to drop off or collect your child from school of the 'Physical distancing of 2 metres is recommended for parents and caregivers, from people they don't know (to align with public health measures outside the school grounds) as suggested by the MOE and MOH.

### **Visitors**

To support contact tracing, all visitors who are onsite for a period of time, including parents and caregivers, must be recorded in the visitor register at the office or use the QR code to assist if contact tracing is necessary.

If you enter your child's class, you will also need to sign in their visitor book at the door and hand sanitize.

### **Drinks Bottles**

These will be required for everyone as the water fountains will be taped off to stop any cross contamination. Drinks bottles will need to be named.

### **Library**

Our Library will open for class visits and returned books will be appropriately sanitized. This is your opportunity to search under the beds, bookcase or even your schoolbag to find those books that have been lost or mislaid and get them back to school as soon as possible.

Until further notice the after school library sessions will be suspended.

**Finally, welcome back to our school. We look forward to seeing all of our students and catching up on what you have been doing, since Level 3 lockdown, apart from the digital work that has been posted or work packs that were collected and completed.**

**In the meantime, be safe.**

Thanks Sue Buckley

Principal