



# TE RAPA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Operating Under Alert Level 3 Protocols*

Tuesday 7 September 2021

But ... **Moving to Alert Level 2 from 11.59 pm tonight.**

Thank You Adults ....

For not coming into school under Alert Level 2

**Good Afternoon Te Rapa Families**

### Thank You Parents / Carers

I am extremely grateful to our entire Te Rapa community for your patience and understanding as we have worked our way through all of this again. We have made the journey together just as we did last time, and although we are certainly not there yet ..... we do seem to have things under control.

### Thank You Students and Staff

Thanks to those of you who have shared positive words of encouragement with each other. Being kind in this way is appreciated by us all, and certainly gives each of us a big 'lift up' .... just when we might need it.

- **Wednesday 8th September (tomorrow) *Preparation Day***  
There will be **NO Home "Distance" Programmes** operating tomorrow. Teachers and support staff will be using tomorrow as a schoolwide preparation day at school.
- **Thursday 9th September *School Day***  
Students can return on Thursday.

### Children NOT Returning

The greater Auckland region is still at Alert Level 4, and we acknowledge that we are the region immediately next door. Because we are in close proximity to the greater Auckland area we understand that not all Te Rapa parents / carers will choose to send your children to school under Alert Level 2. This is to be expected under the circumstances.

If your child is going to be away from school at any stage, please contact the school in the normal ways

- (1) Email to your child's teacher
- (2) Email to the office team via [absences@terapa.school.nz](mailto:absences@terapa.school.nz)
- (3) Phone the school on **07 8492232**

### Student Health & Illness

During 'Alert Level 2' we will be taking a firm stance on keeping the school population healthy. Parents / carers are to keep your child(ren) at home if they are feeling unwell.

**Parents / Carers .... PLEASE** We ask that families with two or more children attending our school adopt the '**One Sick, All Sick**' rule during Level 2. If you have one at home, then they all stay home.

### Monitoring the Health of Children at School

School staff will observe students on arrival into the classroom, and will check students during the day. If we believe on reasonable grounds your child is not feeling well or they may have a communicable illness eg. cold etc. then we will contact you to collect your child because their condition precludes them from attending classes.

### Physical / Social Distancing

Teachers will remind your child(ren) to observe physical distancing at school, and we would ask parents / carers to reinforce this again at home please. Parents dropping children off or picking up in the afternoon are asked to not approach staff, or other parents or other children. We must not enter into their spaces.

Parents are asked to please ....

- Do not congregate in groups, or wait around to socialise at "drop-off" or "pick up" times
- Obey the 2m spacing rule as per supermarkets etc.

### Masks

Masks are not mandatory in primary schools. They are only recommended.

It is up to parents / carers to send their children to school with their own mask if you choose to do so, and parents / carers will be responsible for instructing your own child(ren) to wear that mask.

**School Grounds**

Parents / carers are to drop off your child in the morning and then go please. In the afternoon please meet your son / daughter outside school grounds at a designated meeting spot that does not create any social distancing issues with other adults, or stay in your parked car either in the school driveway or at the roadside.

- Parents / carers communicating with the school are asked to phone or email the office
- If you must visit you can only visit the Administration Office.

**Administration Office Area**

We are discouraging parents / carers from visiting the administration office area unless it is essential. There is a limit of 2 visitors in the Administration foyer area at any given time. Please look through the door before entering, and wait and / or queue outside if necessary until a visitor departs. You will need to sign in for contact tracing purposes.

**Children Arrival in the Mornings**

Students must make their own way to their own classroom on arrival. Teachers will be waiting at classrooms to '**meet and greet**' students each morning. Students must hand sanitise as they enter the classroom. At 9am staff will record the names of students at school each day for both attendance and for contact tracing purposes.

**Road Patrol Crossing**

This will still be operating in the mornings and afternoons. Please use it as normal, but maintain social distancing.

**PLEASE** ... DO NOT ask your children to "sneak" across Ashurst Ave to meet you. They are to use the crossing.

**Bike and Scooter Racks**

Bike and scooters must be stored and secured in the racks provided as normal. Students must be responsible for locking their own bike or scooter.

**Student Behaviour / Attitude**

Students must follow the usual agreements and rules we have at Te Rapa Primary School. If a student becomes defiant or uncooperative, parents / carers will be contacted and asked to come and remove your child immediately. We do not have the capacity to deal with anti-social behaviour during Alert Level 2 protocols.

**Break Times**

Break times will remain unchanged with normal Morning Tea and Lunch.

**Year 7 & 8 Technicraft**

No Tech this Thursday

**Returning School Resources**

Please ensure all resources loaned to students prior to lockdown are returned to school. This might include any school resources in the **take home learning pack** or perhaps any reading material or library books.

**Water Fountains**

These will be closed for this week, so students must bring their own water bottles. Please **NO GLASS** bottles. There will be stations made available in classrooms for children to fill their water bottles.

**No Canteen and No Lunch Orders .... this week.**

The **school canteen will be closed this week**, and there will be **NO LUNCH ORDERS** on Friday. Please make sure that your child has morning tea and lunch each day. There are no opportunities for children to heat food.

**Learning at Home \_\_\_\_\_ During Alert Level 2**

Parents / carers keeping your children at home during Alert Level 2 will need to tailor a 'learning from home' programme for your children yourself. Our class teachers will be back in their classrooms full-time, so they are not available to plan and provide distance learning programmes. Their responsibility is to their classroom and the normal face to face programme(s).

**Take Home Resources** Parents / carers wanting additional take home resources to supplement / support what you plan to do at home with your child during Alert Level 2 will need to liaise with your child's class teacher. Note - We do not have devices available to loan out.

Kind Regards  
**V W Franklin**  
 Principal