



## **Alert Level 3 September 2021**

The information contained in this post informs you as to what our school will look like under Covid19 Alert Level 3 . Please can all parents read this whether or not you are intending to send your child to school. It will cover the following topics;

- Government Expectations
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### **Ministry of Education Expectations**

1. At Alert Level 3, there is a medium risk of community transmission and active but managed clusters.
2. All schools must open for those children who need to attend.
3. More businesses and services are open at Alert Level 3, not just essential services, and therefore more parents and caregivers need to leave home to go to work.
4. If there is no suitable carer in the home, children need to be able to go to school to learn.
5. Distance learning will need to be provided for all students who are off-site, including those required to self-isolate and those individuals who health authorities have asked to stay away while waiting for a test result.

### **Contact Tracing**

- Schools have to be set up in such a way that should contract tracing need to be carried out it can be done easily
- Students and Staff need to stay 2 metres apart outside and 1 metre apart inside
- The number of people allowed on site will be kept to a minimum.
- The spaces that the people enter will be kept to a minimum
- All students and staff will be in bubbles of no more than ten
- Bubbles will have designated areas/toilets that they can access
- No additional adults other than essential teaching staff will be permitted to enter the school grounds

## **Face Coverings**

- At Alert Level 3, **it is not mandatory to wear face coverings in schools.**

## **Registering Students “Bubble School”**

- Parents who are able to have their children learn from home are asked to keep them home during Alert Level 3
- Parents of students who are returning for the Alert Level 3 please email [principal@sj.school.nz](mailto:principal@sj.school.nz) with your child’s name and homegroup number.

## **Online Programme of Learning**

- All students, whether at school or at home, will be continuing with the school’s Online Programme of Learning
- Teachers will be supervising a bubble of students while continuing to plan, monitor and provide feedback to their Home Group students Online Programme of Learning

## **Student Groupings**

- Students and teachers will be put in school bubbles of 10. This is 9 students and one teacher
- Bubbles will be made up of family groups/siblings and students who are the only family member at school.
- Students may not have their Home Group teacher or friends in their bubble
- The school will be determining the bubbles and they will not be changed for parent/student requests

## **Bubble Groups**

- Each bubble will have a set area and each student/family will have a set table/space to sit at for the period of Alert Level 3
- Bubbles entry and exit to their space will be set
- Bubbles crossing each other’s area will be kept to a minimum
- Bubbles will have an allocated toilet to use
- Bubbles can access different parts of the outdoor areas under direction and supervision

## **Breaks**

- Bubbles will have a regular breaks
- Students will stay in their bubbles during the breaks. They will not interact with other students in other bubbles or break their personal bubble to sit/play with other students within their bubble
- Students will only use play equipment designated to them for the period of Alert Level 3.
- Students will not share play equipment with other students in their bubble
- The school playgrounds are closed to all students

## **Spacing**

- The requirement for students and staff to stay 2 metres apart outside and 1 metre apart inside at all times will be monitored at all times
- The learning spaces and day, will be planned to allow students and staff to achieve the spacing requirements within their bubbles
- Students and staff will only have access to their bubble and will not be able to cross bubbles

- Students in the same immediate family bubble will be able to work and play together while following the required spacing expectation in relation to other families/students in their bubble
- The only way we can guarantee a child/staff member will not have their 1 - 2 metre space compromised is if they stay at home in their bubble

**Drop Off / Pick Up** - In order to ensure the 2 metre spacing is able to be achieved

- All students attending 'bubble school' need to be driven/walked to school by an adult
- Entry/Exit to school for all students in bubble school is by the office
- No buses are available in Alert Level 3
- Adults stay in their cars at all times
- No adults are to enter the school grounds
- Students exit/enter the cars when directed
- Students will be guided from/to their car from/to their school bubble by a staff member
- Drop off will be between 8.30 am and 9 am and pick up will be between 2.30 pm and 3 pm
- No student is to be dropped off or picked up without the supervision of a staff member

**Student Injury / Illness**

- All bubbles will have basic first aid equipment
- The first aid room will be accessible for an emergency
- Parents will be contacted if their child needs to go home and will be asked to park in the pick up zone, not get out of the car, and the child will be guided by a staff member from their bubble to their parents car

**Student Equipment**

- Food: please pack your child snack sized food in their lunch boxes. Students have become used to grazing through the day at home so there will be a number of food breaks throughout the day.
- Water: Please ensure students have a bottle of water as they will not have access to the drinking fountains.
- Families/students can bring a game to play at their table on their own or with their family/siblings
- Students cannot bring sports equipment
- Additional information re devices and stationery will be given to parents of students who are returning to school for Alert Level 3

**Before/After School Care**

- The Government have determined there will be no Before/After School Care in Alert Level 3

We appreciate that this is an extensive range of measures. They are designed to ensure that both students and staff are safe and are based on information we have received to date from the Ministry of Education.

**Ka manaakitia koutou e te Atua**

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