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COVID-19 Update #1: CPF Red Return to School Term 1 2022

Friday | Rāmere 28 January 2022

Kia Ora, mālō e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, kamusta, salam

****SCHOOL STARTS FOR ALL STUDENTS NEXT THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY**

**** For safety reasons, students arrive no earlier than 8:30 am**

Nau mai, hoki mai, welcome back! Good health and happiness to all ♥ We're all energised and super excited to be working with tamariki and whānau again 🙏

WE ARE AT CPF Red

- As you know, we've moved fully into the new traffic light 🚦 COVID Protection Framework (CPF) settings, for all school activities and events this year. At this stage, we're operating in **CPF Red**.
- MoE instructions this week have supported our Health and Safety review of plans, using self-assessment tools for further mitigating risks. We have put safety procedures in place for everyone to follow, for the safety of all.



Face Masks

- Staff and students in **Years 4 to 13 must wear face masks** when indoors.
- Masks can include single-use, disposables such as the 'blue/white' medical grade masks and/or re-usable cotton masks with 3 layers. Public Health advice is that the face mask will fit snugly, covering the nose and mouth.
- We have some spare 'blue/white' disposable masks if you cannot provide your own.



Ventilation

- Providing **good old fashioned fresh air** remains the most important thing we can do across the School to minimise risk for all.
- We've checked all areas of the School for ventilation. We're expecting a CO₂ monitor from the MoE to further support our ventilation plan too.

Managing COVID cases

- At **Red** and with your help, we aim to keep everyone learning onsite for as long as possible!
- If there's a **confirmed case** at TPS **while infectious**, we'll identify who was a **close contact** with that person. Supported by the MoE, we'll then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do next.
- Parents/whānau please call Sharon in the Office by Friday 4 February to **check we have your correct contact details on file**, so that contact is not delayed.

Vaccination for 5 to 11 year olds

- Vaccination, including a booster, remains an important tool to help prevent the most serious harm from COVID-19. If vaccinated children and young adults do develop COVID-19, they're far less likely to get seriously ill and less likely to transmit the virus to others.
- There's some helpful information available on the [Unite Against COVID-19 website](https://www.uniteagainstcovid19.org.nz), including videos from [kidshealth.org.nz](https://www.kidshealth.org.nz) that can support you to kōrero with tamariki about the COVID-19 vaccine.

We'll continue to review our safety plan each day, make adjustments as needed and provide updates.

SAFETY PROCEDURES BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL

For students ...

- **WALK** to school as usual and **enter only from** Tripoli Rd crossing or Alamein Rd / Benghazi Rd small pedestrian green gates.
- **Year 4 to 8 must wear masks**; all students **arrive no earlier than 8:30 am**
- **Water (only) bottles**. **Free lunch** is provided from day one.

For Parents/Whānau ...

- **DROP OFF / PICK UP ONLY** tamariki outside the School from Tripoli Rd or Benghazi Rd.
- 📞 **Phone** first Sharon (Mrs Williamson) 0800 527 634 or (09) 527 6345 on Tuesday 1 February after 11:30 am or Wednesday 2 February after 8:30 am to find out about:
 - Your child's classroom and teacher
 - Uniform & stationery procedures
 - New enrolment procedures
- **When onsite, ONE IN / ONE OUT**. No parking on school grounds.
- **Must wear face masks**, scan and sign in our VisTab.
- Keep checking our School Website newsletters and **School Facebook page** for updates.

SUPPORT INFORMATION

Preparing for COVID-19

- [Be prepared for COVID-19](#)
- [Download the COVID-19 Readiness Checklist \[PDF, 121 KB\]](#)
- [What to expect when self-isolating at home](#)

Self-isolating at home because of COVID-19

- [What to expect when self-isolating at home | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)
- [Getting extra support if you have COVID-19 or are self-isolating | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](#)
- [COVID-19 positive – managing your symptoms | Health Navigator NZ](#)
- If you know anyone affected and who may need help, Work and Income has a range of [supports available for individuals, families, employers and self-employed people affected by COVID-19](#).

Work and Income

- Financial assistance may be available from Work and Income. [Check what you might get here](#)
 - [School costs](#)
 - [Out of School Care and Recreation \(OSCAR\) Subsidy](#)
 - [Other Childcare Assistance](#)
 - [School and Year Start-up Payment](#) (for getting Orphan's Benefit or Unsupported Child's Benefit)
 - [Help with living costs \(including food and rent/mortgage\)](#)
 - Use the links above or call 0800 559 009 to find out more or apply. *MoneyTalks* can assist with [free budgeting and debt help](#)
 - You can also contact your local community provider - [Please find more information here](#).

Getting ready to return to school

- The MoE has some helpful information on their [Parents and Whānau website](#). There is also an important reminder about how you can [take care of yourself](#)

If you have questions or concerns, please call/email me, your child's teacher, or call/email Sharon (Office Manager) swilliamson@tamakiprimary.school.nz

Fa'afetai tele lava from the TPS Team, enjoy your long weekend, see you soon 🌸

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