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Dear parents and caregivers,

Our class and most school routines will be staying in place for now. This includes the current drop off and pick up arrangements. This means the continuation of not having parents onsite at the drop off or pick up times **(8.30-9.30am and 2pm onwards)**, as the logistics of collecting details is impossible at these times, as we are still required to contact trace everyone who comes onsite. This means you must please come to the office if you are coming onsite to drop a lunch or pick up a child for an appointment at any other time. We will then bring your child to the office or deliver the item to the classroom.

I am so proud of the way our children have settled into the new processes at school. The new drop off routine has led to a very calm and settled start to the day in the classrooms and I have been so impressed by the independence of our children. They have developed the hand washing/sanitising routines and these have become second nature in the classroom. I'd like to thank the parents of our community too for your support in making these new drop off and pick up routines so successful.

Next week, after Queen's birthday we are starting to allow some of our other services and learning provisions to begin. This includes music lessons, some of our teaching groups, and some after school providers, such as Bricks4kidz and the evening karate group. Each of these groups are having to meet our schools health expectations and any relevant Government Level 2 requirements as well. Lunch orders will also begin after Queen's birthday weekend. Each group, either run by us, or by an external provider, such as music, will have to keep a register of which children attend, keeping our contact tracing strong. Every group will also be required to have the resources to ensure the hand washing and sanitising processes are continued.

Finally, we are now planning for the rest of the year. If you have a younger child who will be joining our school at any point this year, it would be helpful if we can begin the enrollment. Please contact the office via email or phone call and we can start the process with you. Please pass this information onto any other families who have children coming to our school later this year.

Thank you again for the support of our school and enjoy the long weekend with your family.

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