



25/01/22

Kia Ora!

Welcome to the start of 2022 at Greenhithe School. Our staff are excited to welcome you and your children back to school on the 3rd February.

Red Traffic Light Level

We are fully preparing for and expecting to be open for all children on the 3rd February. We are awaiting further guidance on some of the details from the Ministry of Education. However here are some of the mitigations we are putting in place at this stage:

- No parents or caregivers onsite for drop off or pick up. We will use the same system we did in 2021. At this stage we are not staggering finish times. Therefore we will assign gates to avoid crowding (gates for specific year groups will be sent out later this week).
- Masks are required by all adults onsite.
- Masks are required for pupils in years 4-6.
- We will have many health and safety routines in place, including staggered break and lunch times, sanitising and hand washing routines and spacing of children where possible in a primary school setting.

We take the health and safety of the children very seriously. We will do what we can practicably do to mitigate as many risk factors as we can. We are also focused on returning to normality with learning. Our teachers are ready and waiting to ensure each child at our school can meet their potential through engaging learning experiences and skillful teaching. At Greenhithe School we are ready for 2022, and whatever the scenarios that we face, the safety and educational progress of your child are at the forefront of all of our planning.

Later this week, when we get more information, I will send a newsletter with further details of how school will look on our reopening.

Parent and Child Conference - Meet the Teacher

We are able to go ahead with these meetings with some health and safety protocols in place. These are key curriculum related meetings that will set your child up for success in 2022. **Your child should attend with you**, this is to help form the relationship between home and school, making for a productive learning partnership.

We ask that the following guidelines are adhered to:

To minimise numbers on site we are asking that only one parent bring your child to the meeting.

- All adults and children in year 4-6 must wear a mask on our site.
- Use the Covid App to scan into each classroom. There will be a sign in sheet for those without the app.
- Please sanitize your hands on the way into the classroom.

- Playgrounds are closed.
- Once your meeting is completed please leave the site immediately, avoid meeting others on site!
- Please sit or stand at least 2 metres away from the door.
- Please keep your group together and do not allow the children to roam, while you are waiting.
- Observe social distancing on the site please.
- Please DO NOT attend your appointment if you or a member of your immediate family is showing Covid-19 symptoms.

Having these mitigations in place allows us to be able to hold these key meetings and we really appreciate your support with keeping everyone safe.

To book your 10 minute meeting with the teacher please go to the website listed below and enter the code to find our event. It would be helpful if you brought your child's named stationery with you to these meetings.

Website for bookings: schoolinterviews.co.nz

Code for parent conferences: **9crx8**

We are looking forward to the new school year.

Ngā mihi

Stephen Grady

Principal

Greenhithe School

