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Kia Ora,

Thank you for attending our 'meet the teacher' interviews. It was lovely to see people back at school. We hope that these meetings have helped to establish a great learning relationship between you, your child and the teacher. I know the teachers really enjoyed meeting the children and parents who attended. The conversations that were held will help support your child's learning this year.

### **Red Traffic Light Level at Greenhithe School**

Over the last few days I have met with Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education personnel alongside most Auckland schools. We have plans in place for many scenarios that could emerge over the next month or two. Please be assured we have been working hard to mitigate as many risks as we can.

As we come back to school there are things we need you as parents and caregivers to do. We rely on our community to help keep our school and kids safe, alongside the mitigations we put in while we are on our site.

When sending your child into to school please adhere to the following:

- **If your child is showing symptoms of Covid-19 keep them at home!**
- **Send your child with a well fitted face mask if in years 4-6.** A mask is a protection for your child as well as for our staff and other people's children. If your child forgets theirs we will have a supply on site. The children will wear the masks indoors. The children will get regular breaks outside, including fruit break, morning tea, lunch, fitness and for some outdoor learning tasks. Please be assured the children are NOT in masks all day!
- **Please do not enter the school grounds during school hours (8am-3.15pm).** If you need to speak to the office or a staff member, please email them or ring the office on 09-4139838.
- Your child will need a water bottle as the water fountains will remain closed.

Each classroom will have strict sanitising and hand washing routines in place. We will be staggering break times and lunchtimes to minimise contacts and keep children within their year group for break times. Within the classrooms children will stay in their class spaces.

Over the next few weeks we expect to have to make many changes to our plans. We will adapt and make changes as required by this rapidly changing situation. Any changes we make will be to ensure we continue to mitigate as many risks as we can, while continuing to focus on giving the children engaging and fun learning experiences within their class.

### **Arriving and Leaving at School**

In the morning the children can come in through ANY gate. The leadership staff will be on the gates again this year to welcome your children. **Please remember that parents and caregivers are not able to enter the site.**

In order to minimise congestion and gatherings we are again having to assign gates for leaving school. If you have multiple children at the school please organise your meeting point at the gate assigned to the youngest sibling. Please email the teacher of the older children to let them know to allow the children to go to alternative gates.

The children going to their assigned gates in the afternoon will be walked down by their teacher.

Year 1- Bottom Car park (Sunnyview Rd)

Year 2- Isobel Rd Gate

Year 3- Side Car park gate (Greenhithe Rd). Please wait off the road and use the car park area.

Year 4-6- Bottom Car park (Sunnyview Rd)

The Sunnyview car park will follow the same procedures as last year.

- Mornings- Drive through drop off.
- Afternoons-Car park closed at 2.45pm or when the parking is full.

If you are parking and walking, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block driveways!

### **School Crossings**

Unfortunately the police haven't yet been able to come in to train our road patrollers, due to lockdowns and restrictions, as well as their availability. **Initially the crossings may not be supervised by our Road Patrollers.** If your child walks to school alone or with friends, please ensure they know where and how to cross safely. We will let you know once the crossings are fully supervised.

### **The Usual Requests!**

As we come back to school please ensure your child is in our full school uniform. In summer it is vital that your child wears **a school hat**. Please contact the school office or uniform shop if you need one. Please also ensure your child either comes with sunscreen on or brings some with them!

Our team has been working to ensure we meet and exceed the health and safety guidance regarding Covid-19. Our school has worked to ensure we mitigate as many of the risks as we can to make our school safe for a full return to school.

With all the mitigations in place in the school, once the children are in their classroom they will be able to enjoy the learning experiences that the teachers have planned.

We look forward to seeing the children on Thursday 3rd February.

Ngā mihi

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