

Kohia Terrace School - Plans for the return to face to face learning November 2021

As you will be aware the government has given students between years 0 - 8 the opportunity to return to school from **Wednesday 17 November** under public health guidelines.

After reading all the following information, we request you complete another form (link at the bottom) so we know who will be on site and who is not. There were 30% who were not sure in the last survey so hopefully the following information assures you of our safety planning.

When putting together this plan we have considered the ongoing safety of teachers, students and their families and convenience for whanau.

Firstly, we became quickly aware that it would not be possible to have all staff and students on-site at the same time. We need to allow more space for each class both inside and out of the classroom. We also need to do the same for staff. Students will attend school part-time in stable groups (as indicated in the table below) in the care of regular staff and have minimal contact with other students or teachers.

Secondly we considered the needs across the school: the new entrants and year 1s, some of whom have started their school lives at home, have been hit very hard by the last few months.

Attendance - who is on site and when

Year 0/1	Attend school daily from 8:50 - 2:00 . The early finish allows for a shorter day and for them to have left school in advance of older children* NB older siblings may also leave at this time. <i>Timetable is adjusted with earlier break times to allow for more space in the playground</i>	
Years 2-6	Attend school on alternate days according to room number so there is always one class in a year group on-site at any time to offer flexibility for families and additional inside space. We have allocated the same days each week with the exception of the alternate Friday. Even room numbers (4, 6, 8, 10, 12) - Monday, Wednesdays and Friday 19/11& 3/12 Odd room numbers (5, 7, 9, 11, 13) - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday 26/11& 10/12 <i>Please note: If siblings are due to attend on different days it is your choice to join the other class in the year group to match up the days (see survey). Once this choice is made, the student MUST stay with that class / day.</i>	
Year 7	Mondays and Wednesdays and Friday 19/11& 3/12	Intermediates leave at 2:55pm
Year 8	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 26/11& 10/12 <i>(year 8s get to be at school on the last day of the year)</i>	Intermediates leave at 2:55pm
All students arrive between 8:30-8:50 - no outside play - straight to class Staggered departure - see table above Note: at this point there is no after school care		

Parents on-site:

Parents are to remain off-site unless for essential purposes: drop off and pick up from the gate or nearby streets. Please maintain social distancing at the school gates.

Masks are required for parents

If you MUST come on site, you must scan the school QR code.

Parents of new entrants may drop off and pick up their children via the junior side gate.

Full time students

Those students who **need to** attend full time as they have no home-care options will join with their regular class on their rostered day and will work in supervised small bubble groups on 'off-site days',

having minimal contact with other students. We have made arrangements for those students who are currently attending bubble school. If your child **needs** to attend full time if you are required at work on off-site days, and there is no one at home to supervise learning, please email Alison as soon as possible.

Health and Hygiene

Masks

- **Masks MUST be worn by all Year 4 - 8 students and we highly recommend the wearing of masks for our Year 0 - 3 students;** regular instruction on safe handling will be given. Please supply your children with a named mask each day.
- A health exemption can be sought for Year 4 - 8 students if required.
- All school staff will wear masks

Please keep sick children at home; all students will be monitored on arrival for signs of illness, and will be sent home if unwell (temperatures will not be taken as per Ministry guidelines)

All rooms will be ventilated as much as possible with doors and windows open.

Hand washing / sanitising will take place every time a student leaves or enters the room.

Students will wash hands/ use sanitiser before and after using sports equipment.

Tables are wiped down in the middle of the day and washed down with bleach at the end of the day.

Furniture is spread across the classroom space as much as possible.

Students will use their own equipment (pens/pencils etc).

Children should bring a fleece for warmth in case it gets chilly inside or outside.

Hats are essential as we will be spending time outside. Sunscreen is recommended.

Students will eat lunch outside whenever possible. There will be no lunch order service at this stage.

Drinking fountains will only be available to fill drink bottles.

NB all staff on site have had at least one vaccination and are required to have a negative COVID test.

Learning Programmes

Learning programmes will focus on wellbeing, connection and re-establishing basic routines and values. We will aim to consolidate learning undertaken over lockdown with literacy and numeracy based activities. All sessions will take place within the same class group.

Every opportunity will be taken to learn outside the classroom in the fresh air.

Time at school will be 'device-free'. Those students with school devices may keep them until early December.

There are no clubs or lunchtime activities that involve mixing student groups but we have purchased new games and activities to engage students in the playground.

Distance learning programmes remain in place via google classroom for those who have not returned to school and for the day the students are off-site. Please note that another teacher may be supporting distance learning. Some teachers are on-site each day so it is too difficult to maintain the class programme and distance learning.

Back to school checklist (all named please)

- ✓ Mask
- ✓ Fleece
- ✓ Drink bottle
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Pencil case for years 4-8

IMPORTANT: [Return to School Confirmation Form - please complete](#)