

FAQ Return to School Nov 2021

Health and Safety

Who will be wearing masks at school?

At this stage all staff and students will wear masks inside school buildings and classrooms. Masks may be removed for outside play and at eating times.

There will be a public health order coming out about masks - an exemption will be required for students year 4-8.

This extract is taken from the MOE bulletin.

As noted yesterday, Year 4 to 8 students and staff will **now be required** to wear face coverings when indoors as an added layer of protection. This requirement will be included in an updated Public Health Response Order soon.

From 17 November students cannot attend school if they will not wear a face covering when indoors unless they are exempted from doing so (for example some people who have a disability or health condition that would prevent them from wearing a face covering).

Why can my child not attend school every day?

We need to ensure that classrooms are not crowded and that there is enough space for every student. The plan for one class per year group at a time will allow plenty of room.

The year 0/1 classes are much smaller than those higher up the school which gives them enough space for everyone to return.

Who will have contact with my child?

Students will be in stable groups according to Ministry of Education guidelines (up to 30), supported by regular teaching staff wherever possible. They learn, play and eat within these class groups with minimal contact with other adults and students.

What health checks are done for children?

Students who are visibly unwell are sent home immediately. We are unable to take temperatures but can ask health screening questions. It is very important for parents to keep sick children away from school. School staff will be vigilant for symptoms.

What happens if there is a positive case of Covid-19 connected to the school?

As soon as we are connected to a case, Public Health advisors will step in and give us direction. Anyone who is considered a contact will be notified and will be required to follow the advice given.

What happens at playtime?

Students will play in allocated areas for their class group to minimise contact with others.

Attendance

Will distance learning continue?

Yes - we will still be running google classrooms, however there will be fewer zoom meetings and instructional sessions. Teachers will be on-site on alternate days and so will be less available to answer questions. In some classes we have other teachers who will be supporting distance learning.

[What happens if I need to go back to work full time?](#)

If there is no other care option for your children please email Alison (alison@kts.school.nz) and we will make a plan for your child to join an in-school bubble on the days that their class is not in school.

[Can I change my mind about attendance at school?](#)

Yes - the flexibility of the plan means that you can send your child (or remove them) from their on-site class group. However children may not move between groups. Please let your class teacher know if you are changing the arrangements.

Miscellaneous

[Will this plan continue if we move to Red in the protection framework?](#)

As far as we know, this is the plan for the rest of the school year (until 16 December)

[What about loaned devices?](#)

If you have a device on loan, please keep it to support learning on off-site days for the moment. Students who are at school will have limited device use.

We will ask for Devices to be returned in early December.

[What about end of year events?](#)

We are hoping to re-format Moving on Up, year 8 graduation and prizegiving. More information will be sent out nearer the time.