

COVID-19 Level 3
Moving to;
ALERT LEVEL 2 AT TAI



Thursday 27 August 2020

Dear Parents/Whanau of Te Atatu Intermediate.

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa

This week we heard the news that as of **Monday 31 August**, we will likely be back at level 2. I hope that you have all managed to stay safe and well during the last few weeks.

At level 2, children can attend school as all schools must be open. We will continue to run what we did previously at level 2, for two reasons;

- 1) It worked very well previously at level 2, and
- 2) it gives staff and students consistency for what our school looks like at level 2.

School routines

From Monday 31 August, we will again defer the start time until 9am. We would ask that all students be in class ready by 8.55am. Teachers will be in classes from 8.40am checking and connecting in with students each day. We will also stagger the end times from 2.50 /2.55 /3pm each day with a different syndicate each time to ease the congestion and social distance at our gates. We will keep our normal timetabled class routines across the day. Parents, if for any reason you need to come into school, please make sure you sign in / scan the QR code at the office as part of our contact trace register.

Face coverings / Masks

The MoE has stated that children do not require a face covering/mask at school, however, should you wish your child to wear one, we will support their choice. Good hygiene practices of regular washing hands with soap, sanitising hands and coughing or sneezing into their elbow will continue to be encouraged. As always, if your child is unwell, please keep them home.

Health and Safety

Our cleaning company Crest Clean, has informed all schools of the rigorous extra cleaning precautions they do within classrooms. We have also made up packs of disinfectant and wipes which teachers will have available to spray down tables and/or equipment shared. Mr Tony, our caretaker has also filled up hand sanitiser bottles as well as soap in bathrooms.

Tuck shop

Our new tuck shop vendors will be selling food from the tuck shop from Monday. They will be following the MPI guidelines for food safety and will have all necessary plans in place for safe food service.

At level 2, drinking fountains are encouraged to *not be used* other than for filling up drink bottles. We encourage each student to bring a filled water bottle daily from home to drink from and refill as required.

School Chromebooks

With the return to school, could anyone who borrowed one of the school chromebooks also please return these. Chromebooks came from both workshops and Room 16 and will be needed within these classes from Monday. ***On Monday morning, all devices can be returned to Mr Collins in Workshop 2.***

Bus students

As a number of students catch the 131 bus to and from school, the following information has been shared by AT. Please note, they are still not accepting cash on buses. At this stage, we are still awaiting the age limit for wearing a face covering, however, I suggest all students catching a public bus have a mask with them;

Update your AT HOP card contact details

Your AT HOP card makes contact tracing easier. And having an up-to-date contact phone number will make contact tracing faster. Go to at.govt.nz and log in to update your details. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, it's easy to have it reset.

Register your AT HOP card

Around 83% of passengers have already registered their AT HOP card - have you? If you're not sure whether yours or a family member's card is registered, [click here](#) or call our Customer Services Centre on (09) 366 6400.

Even if your card is already registered, it's a good idea to check if your contact details are up to date.

Wearing a face covering

To help keep us safe, the Ministry of Health recommends you wear a face covering while on public transport. From Monday 31 August, this will become mandatory. We'll provide more information about what this will mean for you before then.

We are looking forward to seeing all our students back at school again on Monday.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans
Principal