



Tuesday 26th October, 2021.

Kia ora koutou; Kia orana, Tolafa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi ahu, Ni sa bula, Namaste, Ni Sa Bula; Ni Hao; As-salamu Alaykum; Greetings to our Sir Keith Park School community

PARTIAL RE_OPENING: SIR KEITH PARK SCHOOL & SATELLITE CLASSES

On Wednesday 10th November, Minister Chris Hipkins announced that:

- from Wednesday 17 November, schools in Alert Level 3 areas are able to further increase the number of children and students in Years 0 to 10 that can return to face-to-face learning.
- Because every school and community situation is different, the overall approach is that schools will determine the best way to approach this. Specialist schools and other learning support facilities will need to work with students and their parents on a case-by-case basis to plan for students to return safely to school.

We know this will be great news to some, and cause others anxiety and concern.

We welcome the announcement from the Minister and, alongside the Ministry of Education, have developed a pathway to reopening in a safe manner that will meet the needs of our akonga / learners and whanau.

Staff Availability:

We have surveyed our staff to check their availability, and have found that approximately half of our staff have school aged children which will impact on their ability to return to work – their availability will depend on what the partial return looks like in their own children's schools. Availability may also be affected by staff health status.

Health & Safety Assessment:

We have considered all the Ministry requirements and advice, considered our school facilities, our staff availability, and have concluded that:

- We cannot offer a full time programme for every learner
- We will be offering 2 days per week on site, for respite and reconnection reasons.
- Learning From Home programmes will continue for the other 3 days.

Some things to consider when returning your child to school:

- The programme for your child may or may not be in their usual class setting
- The programme will be staffed by people that may not be the usual staff for your child
- We cannot guarantee that our learners will keep to the recommended hygiene measures and social distancing
- Masks will not be compulsory for our learners.
- We are not aware of the vaccination status of all learners
- If there is a case of COVID in the community – the programme will be closed for at least 72 hours and restart again later.

From teachers' communication with you, we understand that:

- Some of you would like your child to return to a programme for 2 days a week for a break and some social engagement and reconnection with others
- Some of you prefer to keep your child at home until next year. You have decided that this is the safest option for you and your whanau.

We have therefore organised the staffing and return to school based on your response given to the class teacher 10 & 11 November.

Partial Return Organisation:

We have divided those students wishing to return to school into 2 groups (this applies to base school and satellite classes). These will remain constant for the rest of this school year.

One group will attend school on Monday and Tuesday each week, and will have Learning from Home programmes Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

The second group will have Learning from Home programmes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and attend school Thursday and Friday each week.

Your teacher will inform you which group your child is in.

Health & Safety:

Even with the Delta variant, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools is considered to be low because of all the public health measures we will have in place. We will:

- need to limit the number of akonga /learners and staff onsite each day
- keep those onsite in separate groups which do not intermingle with each other inside or outside the classroom
- ensure any classrooms we use are well ventilated
- continue to practice physical distancing where possible (1m inside and 2m outside)
- ensure all staff (and external contractors) who are on site are fully vaccinated or will have had at least one dose of the vaccine and return a negative weekly test.
- ensure staff wear a mask throughout the day
- disinfect and clean all surfaces daily
- require anyone who is unwell, self-isolating, or who has been advised by health authorities to remain at home while they wait for their COVID-19 test results, not to come to school
- not have any volunteers, visitors, or parents in the classrooms

SESTA (Specialised School Transport Assistance):

Everyone 12 years and older legally must wear a face covering on school transport services (both Ministry and regional council-operated) at **all alert levels** unless they have an exemption. Information on face covering exemptions can be found on [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

The Ministry of Education understands that many of our students will not tolerate wearing a mask, and have communicated this to the taxi company. They do, however expect that the drivers will wear face covering.

The school will inform the taxi company of students who have registered that they are returning to school.

Hand-over of students:

Base School:

1. All students will enter and leave through the student door. Their hands will be washed / sanitised upon arrival and before departure.
2. Taxis will be unloaded / loaded strictly one at a time.
3. Parents who bring their child need to either join the taxi queue OR park in Bingara Ave – walk your child to the student door = hand to a duty staff member, and leave.
4. Staff on duty will be monitoring for anyone presenting with signs of illness:
 - Check temperature of all upon arrival
 - Visual check for signs of symptoms
 - Students with a temperature / obvious signs of being unwell will not go to class, and will be sent straight home.
5. Student door will be locked between 8.45am and 2.45pm.
6. If you bring your child after 8.45am: Knock on front door. Inform Pina you are there, and wait outside with your child for staff member to come and accept your child.
7. In the afternoon. Park your car in Bingara Place, (or join the taxi queue). Inform Pina that you are here. Wait outside. Pina will ring the class and your child will be brought to the front door.

Satellite Classes: Parents who transport their child:

1. Until 8.45am, a staff member will meet you near the front of the school, where you will hand over your child.
2. If you arrive after 8.30am you need to go to the school office and ask them to ring the class. Wait outside with your child for the staff member to come.
3. Staff on duty will be monitoring for anyone presenting with signs of illness:
 - Check temperature of all upon arrival
 - Visual check for signs of symptoms
 - Students with a temperature / obvious signs of being unwell will not go to class, and will be sent straight home.
4. After school, wait outside the school. Your child will be brought out at the end of the day by our staff.

Contact Registering:

- Schools are required to display QR code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. QR Code posters are displayed at the entrance to Base School and all Satellite Classes. Please use them.
- Sign in registers for each area of the school, including satellite classes
 1. Regular attendees (Staff, taxi drivers for example) will be listed for ease of use
 2. Others - when allowed on site - sign in upon arrival and departure at office (for our school records)
 3. Until further notice, parents are not to come into the school / satellite class. If you need to speak with the teacher, leave your phone number and convenient time, and we shall ring you.

Our Programme Changes at Level 3.2:

- No EOTC activities - No use of schools vans
- Supervised class walks around the block will be considered

- No work experience out of the school
- No sharing of food or Class Cooking. Individual sessions may occur as long as hygiene measures can be managed, and staffing ratios allow
- Singing and exercise will only occur outdoors
- Reduce the use of shared equipment - have individual 'sets' of things as applicable and able
- Interactive programmes - may be adapted or look a bit different for a while.
- No swimming activities – pool will remain closed.
- No group gatherings such as Assemblies, culture groups

COVID-19 symptoms

Everyone from the school should watch for the symptoms of COVID-19, especially over the next 14 days. These can include one or more of the following:

- New or worsening dry cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Temporary loss of smell
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose

Please call your doctor or Healthline (0800 358 5453) if you or your child has any symptoms. They will explain what to do. You can also visit www.arphs.health.nz or www.covid19.govt.nz.

Questions or Concerns:

Thank you for taking the time to familiarise yourself with our safety procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Syndicate Leader for your child's class:

Heather Dellow: Deputy Principal: heather.dellow@skp.school.nz
SKP Rooms 2, 3, 9, Waterlea satellite classes

Teeshan Padayatchi: Deputy Principal: teeshan.padayatchi@skp.school.nz
SKP Rooms 4, 7, Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate Satellite Classes

Judy Brown: Assistant Principal: judy.brown@skp.school.nz
SKP Rooms: 1, 5, 10, Robertson Road satellite classes

Rabin Chattergoon: Assistant Principal: rabin.chattergoon@skp.school.nz
SKP Rooms 6, & 8, Mangere College and Southern Cross Satellite Classes

Or myself:

Kathy Davidson: Principal principal@skp.school.nz 0211955855 / 2754455

We can do this, together. Kia Kaha.

Kathy Davidson, Principal / Tumuaki

