

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Kia orana, Tolafa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi ahu, Ni sa bula, Namaste

Tēnā koutou, parents and caregivers

### THANK YOU

Thank you once more for your ongoing support and collaboration with us as we have faced the Omicron variant of COVID-19 impacting our school community. We all hoped to avoid this – or at least have a disruption-free start to the year – but sadly that was not to be. Working together we will get through this.

### COVID-19: Red Level: Phase 3

As you will have heard New Zealand moved to this Alert Level at midnight on Thursday. This has changed the way in which we respond to positive cases of COVID-19. From Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February:

- Household contacts of a Person who tests Positive must isolate for 10 days.
  - The day of the positive result is Day 0. The next day is Day 1.
  - Household contacts should take a test on Day 3 and on Day 10.
- Close contacts of a Person who tests Positive, who do not live in the same house, no longer need to isolate.
  - They should, however, monitor themselves for symptoms for 10 days.
  - These people only need to take a test **IF** and when symptoms of COVID-19 develop.

### What this means for Sir Keith Park School:

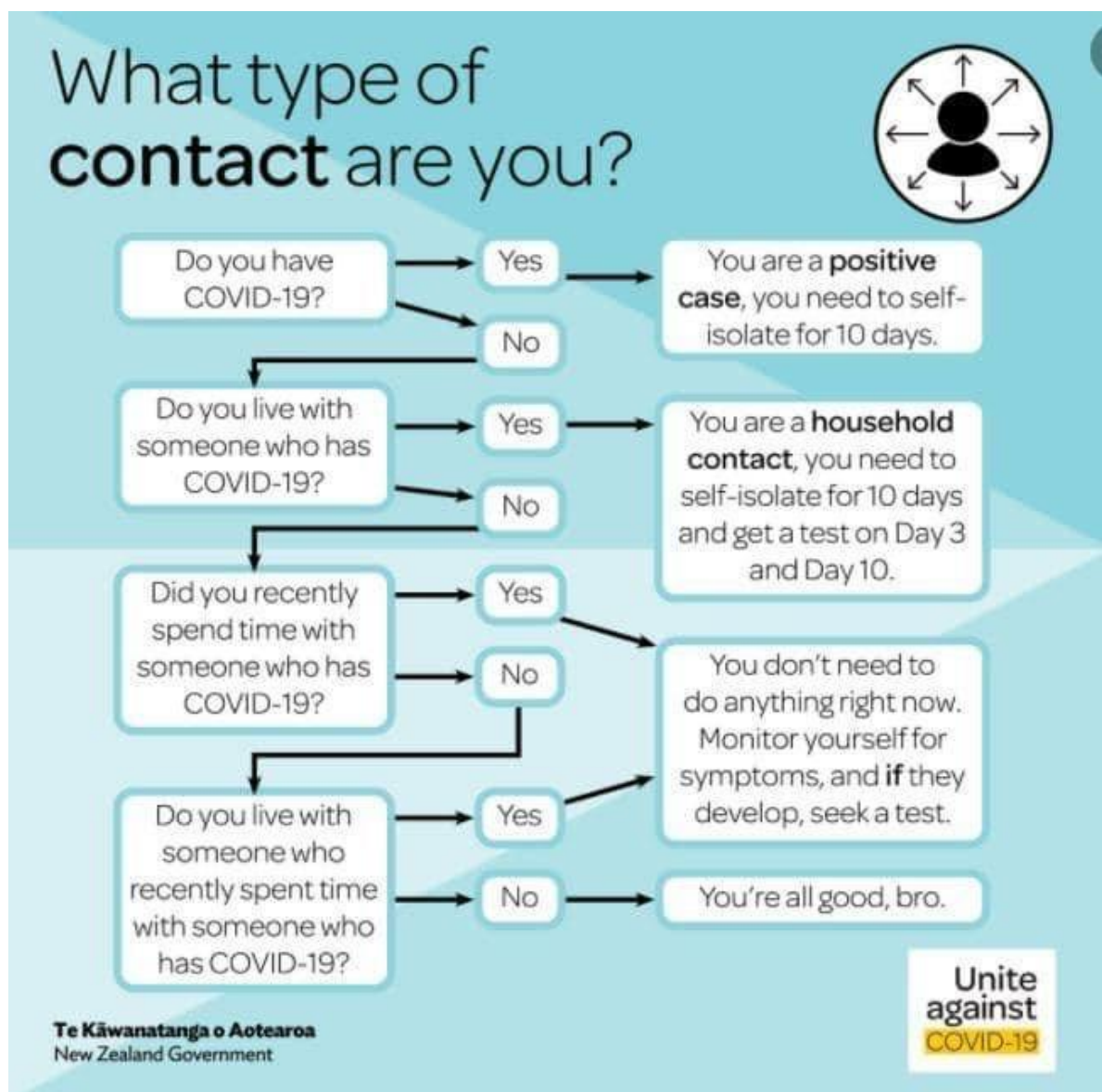
- All staff who are in isolation due to school or community-based contact (i.e. NOT a household Contact), and who are symptom-free, can return to school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**.
- All students who are in isolation due to school or community-based contact (i.e. NOT a household Contact), and who are symptom-free, can return to school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February** providing we have enough staff present to run the class. You will be notified before Monday if this is not possible.
- SKP School will continue to notify appropriate families if we are made aware that there is a Positive Result for a person attending the school.
- The school will remain open as long as we are able to maintain a safe environment for all. There may be times when classes need to close.
- If a class has to close, we shall endeavour to provide appropriate learning from home to support your child. However, if the teacher is unable to do this, there will only be generic activities made available to you via the website or by email.

### What You Need To Do:

- Inform the school if your child is absent and give the reason why please.
- You and your whanau should watch out for symptoms of COVID-19 AND
- If any person in your whanau is showing symptoms, get them tested as soon as possible
  - Stay at home until you receive the result of the test
  - Inform the school of the outcome please
- Consider getting your full vaccinations if you have not done so. There are many 'drop in' centres still doing vaccinations

## What Sir Keith Park School Will Do:

- **Continue to focus on the health and wellbeing of our tamariki, our staff and our community**
- Stay open as much as possible
- Continue to be vigilant with our Health and Safety Protocols for staff and students e.g.
  - All staff are vaccinated
  - Staff are wearing Masks as per the Health Order
  - Classrooms are well ventilated
  - Keeping groups separate
  - Physical distancing where possible
  - Hand hygiene
  - Disinfecting surfaces
  - Limiting non-workers on site during school hours
  - Monitoring everyone for any signs of being unwell
- Teaching programmes are in place at school.
- Require you to collect your child as soon as possible if they arrive at school, or during the school day they become, unwell and/or have a high temperature (38°C and over)
- Staff will wear masks as per the guidance of the Ministry
- Inform you of any known cases



**Common Symptoms of COVID-19 are (usually more than one is present):**

- A new or worsening cough
- A lot of unusual sneezing and a runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell and / or an altered sense of taste
- A sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Body aches

**Less Common Symptoms of COVID-19 are (usually more than one is present):**

- Diarrhoea (especially for children)
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Chest or abdominal pain
- Joint pain
- Confusion / Irritability

**For more information check out the following websites:**

- <https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/what-happens-if-you-test-positive-for-covid-19/>
- <https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Syndicate Leader for your child's class:

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SKP Rooms 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate Satellite Classes

Heather Dellow: Deputy Principal: [heather.dellow@skp.school.nz](mailto:heather.dellow@skp.school.nz)

SKP Rooms: 2, 3, 9, Waterlea satellite classes; Robertson Road satellite classes:

Rabin Chattergoon: Assistant Principal: [rabin.chattergoon@skp.school.nz](mailto:rabin.chattergoon@skp.school.nz)

SKP Rooms 6 & 8, Mangere College Satellite Classes

Or myself:

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