



Sunday 28th February, 2021.

Kia orana, Tolafa lava, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi ahu, Ni sa bula, Namaste

Tēnā koutou parents and caregivers

COVID-19 is in the community again and Auckland moved to Alert Level 3 at 6am this morning for a period of 7 days.

This decision was taken for two reasons – first it is not immediately clear how the latest person to test positive got infected and second, that person has visited several large sites while potentially infectious and it will take some time to identify and track down what could be a large number of people.

Level 3 means

- stay home to protect your household bubble
- if you do have to go out, keep a 2-metre distance from people you don't know.
- Where possible you should keep your children home from school for this period.

We will open for those of you who have no other options but to send your children to school because you have to work and your child is unable to be supervised at home.

- We will have safety precautions in place to look after them.
- The ministry has said in their latest correspondence that only children who can't be supervised at home by an appropriate person, are able to attend school.
- GoBus taxi assistance is not available at Level 3. You will need to deliver to and collect your child from Sir Keith Park School (Base School). Satellite Classes will remain closed.

If your child is unable to be supervised at home ***please register*** the need for them to attend our Base school.

REGISTRATION

Please register your child by 5.30 today (Sunday 28th Feb) with either

Kathy Davidson (Principal): 021 195 5855 / email principal@skp.school.nz or

Teeshan Padayatchi (Deputy Principal) 021 745 976 / teeshan.padayatchi@skp.school.nz

- we will confirm your registration by 6.00pm today.

We will activate our distance learning plan. Our priority is to stay connected to you and your tamariki. We will do everything we need to for your children and your whānau.

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It's important we follow the rules.

If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'. Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability.

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so. As a result, the school will be fully closed to all staff and students, including children of essential workers, until at least Monday 08 March.

Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) will advise if the school needs to stay closed for longer. This may happen if other cases are confirmed.

If the situation changes, we will be in touch again. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

[Frequently Asked Questions at Level Three:](#)

Is the school open for learning?

The school may operate *with skeleton staff* at our Base school premises for students whose parents are essential workers, and who cannot be supervised at home.

Will the taxi pick up my child?

No. GoBus taxi assistance does not operate at Alert Level 3. You need to transport your child to and from school at the times specified when you register.

Will my child be with their teacher or teacher aides?

Most likely not. There will be a rotation of staff (from across the whole school) to support the students onsite but not necessarily anyone from their regular class team.

Will my child be with their classroom friends?

Most likely not. They will be with a range of different students aged 5 -21 years old. The groupings will depend on numbers registered, and following health and safety protocols.

What will the onsite programme at base look like?

It will look very similar to a holiday programme. There will be Covid-19 health and safety measures in place so the programme will be limited. The programme will have a focus on recreational activities - there will not be structured learning activities.

What health and safety measures will be in place?

- Staggered start and finish times for students
- Students will need to bring their own packed lunch and drink
- Parents are to drop off and collect at the front door
- Regular cleaning of equipment and hand washing will occur

What if my child is sick?

If your child is unwell we advise that you keep them at home and contact your doctor. If a student comes to school and presents as unwell, we will be contacting you to collect them and keep them at home.

Learning from Home: What are the expectations for distant learning?

Your child's teacher will be in contact with you to discuss learning from home options. This looks different for each student and each class, as everyone's circumstances are different. You can discuss the best options for your child with your teacher. We have learned from previous experience that it is best to prioritise wellbeing for learners and their whanau.