

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Ni Sa Bula
Namaste, Ni Hau, Greetings

Once again, we have some confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school.

The health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority, so we are closely following the Ministry of Health guidance for schools.

At Phase 3 of the Omicron response, only cases and household contacts are legally required to isolate.

However, at our school, we have chosen to do a level of contact tracing and can advise that the confirmed cases were in Robertson Road satellite unit and Mangere College Satellite unit. Their infection period was from Wednesday 10th August. We also have several students from our base school who are currently household contacts, and who were at school last week.

What you need to do

- You and your whānau should watch for symptoms
- If any develop, get tested immediately
- Wear your face mask when out and about, and wash your hands regularly with soap.
- If your whānau hasn't been vaccinated, please consider doing so as soon as possible. You can book on-line at bookmyvaccine.nz or by calling 0800 28 29 26. It's free.

What we're doing

- Sir Keith Park School will stay open
- We have appropriate public health measures to reduce the risk in our settings including mass, physical distancing and ventilation.
- We have appropriate cleaning procedures in place

Symptoms of COVID-19

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [the Unite Against COVID-19 website](#).

If you or someone living in your house tests positive for Covid 19

- The household must isolate for seven days.
- Household contacts must test on Day 3 and Day 7.
- People who have recovered from Covid-19 in the last 90 days do not need to isolate if they are feeling well and are symptom free.

Returning to school after COVID-19

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 are welcome to return to school after 7 days isolation providing they are well.
- Many children will have long lasting runny nose and cough after viral infections. If it is over 10 days since the onset of the COVID infection and they are no longer feeling unwell, they are unlikely to be transmitting any active COVID infection and can return to school.
- However, if they are continuing to feel unwell or their symptoms are worsening after 10 days then GP review is recommended.

If you have questions, you can contact the Principal Kathy Davidson principal@skp.school.nz or 09 275 4455

Noho ora mai

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