



Update to parents-30 January 2022 COVID-19 Red Level Setting



Dear parents and caregivers
Kia ora koutou e te whānau

Welcome back to a new school year and a warm welcome to new families in our community. Starting a new school year is an exciting time for us all, and a bit more complicated this year because of the shift to COVID Red Level Settings. Henley School is open for onsite learning for all students. We intend to keep the school open at all times. Here are some key points regarding how we will operate:

1. **Open Morning** – All classrooms will be open on Tuesday 1st February for families to pop in and meet the teacher briefly. You may also wish to drop off your child's stationery at the same time. Please scan in and ensure you are wearing a mask. We will be monitoring the numbers to minimise risk. The idea of the opening morning is to reduce anxiety for children (particularly new families) coming into the school. However please be mindful of others and try and balance the length of the visit.
2. **Masks** - Under the government's COVID Protection Framework all children from Year 4 and up must wear masks in the classroom and in other settings where they are in close contact. This rule can be modified for Year 4 children in mixed-level classes that includes Year 3 children (our Middle Syndicate) so here is how the mask rule will work at Henley School:
 - All children in Years 5 and 6 must wear masks. Staff in our Senior Syndicate will also wear masks in the classroom.
 - Children in Year 4 are strongly encouraged to wear masks
 - Children in Years 1-3 are not required or expected to wear masks, but they may do so if you choose
 - Children will not wear masks outside the classroom unless you specify to the teachers that you want them to
 - Staff will be masked in some other settings at school.
3. **Visiting school** - Access to school for parents and other visitors remains limited:
 - Children must be dropped off and picked up at the school entrances. Please avoid congestion by maintaining correct social distancing at pick up times.
 - Parents/caregivers may come onto the school site if you are settling your new entrant or transferring child into school, you are collecting a sick child, attending a pre-arranged meeting with the teacher, or in an emergency.
 - All parents, caregivers and other visitors entering the school site must enter school through the sign in using the QR code or the register at the office and wear a mask at all times onsite.
4. **Vaccinations:** Children can continue to attend school whether they are vaccinated or unvaccinated. We will not be asking if your child is vaccinated. You can tell us if you want to, but we will not record or use the information. I have been made aware of misinformation being circulated via social media however I can reassure you that **Henley School is NOT a vaccination site** and no child under 12 can be vaccinated WITHOUT FORMAL PARENTAL APPROVAL.

Thank you for reading this far and you still have questions or concerns, please be patient, as we will provide more information next week.

Remember, school starts on **Thursday 3rd February** and we will do all we can to make it as normal as possible for the children. I'm sure that together we will do well.

Kind regards

John Armstrong
Principal