

5/3/2021



Dear parents,

We are excited to welcome back our children on Monday. I have summarised the key points for the safe return of students at Covid-19 Alert Level 2. Our teachers, as always, have done a great job in preparing the learning for the return of the children and will ensure the health protocols are all set up and ready to go. We are maintaining Covid Alert Level 2 protocols exactly as they were in February! This is after a review of our systems and to ensure clarity around what the expectations are for the children, staff and community.

Classrooms will be structured to allow for a return to learning, while reestablishing the routines of sanitising hands, keeping distance where possible and other health based routines.

- **Only staff and students will be allowed on the school grounds (other than if a parent has an urgent need to visit the school office).** Therefore we are requiring ALL parents to drop their child at the gate and allow them to come in on their own, with a friend or supported by a teacher, who will be at the gates. **Please note there are no designated gates in the morning, just drop off as usual, and the children can walk themselves in, where they will go straight to class.**
- **After School Procedures**  
**NO DESIGNATED GATES for leaving school for years 3-6.**

**Year One:** Children will be taken down and collected from the **BOTTOM CAR PARK ON SUNNYVIEW RD.**

**Year Two:** Children will be taken to the **GREENHITHE RD** gate for collection.

Siblings can meet you at these gates, **please ensure your children know where to meet you!**

- **There are no staggered pick up times.** This means all children will come out of classes as normal. However, parents will not be able to come onto the site.
- When waiting for your child please respect the social distancing requirements. This means please arrange to meet your child, where possible, away from the gate itself. Perhaps arrange a spot a little up the road or by a familiar landmark etc. This will reduce congestion and ensure we can keep everyone safe, including your child.
- If you use the pick up zone in the Sunnyview Rd car park, please wait in your car, we will escort the children safely to you, Maeke, myself and Ms.Knowles will be in the car park area, your child will recognise your car, and we will ensure safe movement.

- The uniform shop will not be open this week, please order online.
- The office is open for urgent inquiries, where you will be required to sign in. Please only use the Isobel Road gate. Donations, activity fees can be paid for online, and any non urgent inquiries can be sent via email ([office@greenhithe.school.nz](mailto:office@greenhithe.school.nz)).
- After school and before school care will be open, but will be required to follow our school procedures, which includes pick-ups at their designated gate (Year 3 playground gate). Please contact them directly if you have any questions.

### **Key Factors For the Ongoing Safety of the Children**

Again, our overriding priority is the safety of the children in our care. Please support this by talking to your child about:

- The importance of handwashing/sanitizing hands
- Coughing into elbows
- No sharing food or stationery/devices they are bringing from home
- **The need to stay home if they are unwell**
- Your child will require a water bottle, as fountains are closed
- The need to stay out of each others' breathing zone
- **Ensure your child is clear on their after school pick up routine**

As a school we have initiated heightened cleaning routines and set up within class processes to ensure regular hand washing and sanitizing, cleaning of surfaces and children will be reminded about maintaining a safe distance (although this is a challenge in a primary school!).

All the processes we have in place are to keep your child, our teachers and community safe. We thoroughly appreciate your support in following the Covid Alert Level 2 routines again.

Thank you to the community who managed the home learning and juggled work. This allowed us to successfully support those in the community who really need us to be open at Level 3 and had no other options. I love that, as a community, we pull together to support everyone.

Kia Kaha  
Ngā mihi

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