



Sunday 14th February 2021

**RE: COVID-19 Alert Level 2**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tonight Prime Minister Jacinda Arden announced that we will be moving to Alert Level 2 from **11.59pm tonight for 3 days.**

We know there is a lot of information below, however, **we need you to read it all** and be ready to follow all the Health and Safety requirements of Alert Level 2 while it is in action.

LOW RISK

- The Ministries of Education and Health have classified schools at Level 2 as low risk in our region, however, we will still be very vigilant with all our systems.
- We will have a higher level of hygiene practices in place eg: actively teaching, supervising and reminding children to wash hands before/after play/ entering and exiting a class, coughing into your elbow, wiping down high touch surfaces multiple times during the day, one child at a time in the toilet area, hand sanitizing, increased school cleaning systems etc
- We will continue to work closely with the Ministries of Education and Health.

SCHOOL APP

If you have a smartphone **PLEASE download our free school app** as this will keep you up to date with everything, especially last-minute changes or new information. It is as simple as going to the App Store - search and download Kiwi Schools Connect and then within the app choosing Greytown School.

TRACKING TABLES

- There will be 4 tracking tables that will once again be in action (Front gate, Hall, Room 3 entry and Room 9 gates).
- Parents or family members wanting to come onsite need to use hand sanitiser and write their name and contact information down for our school records.
- At these stations, you will also be able to scan our Government COVID-tracking app QR Code for your personal tracking needs. (Download the free app on the Apps Store)

SOCIAL DISTANCING -PARENTS

- Please do not gather outside classes in large groups - stay 2m apart and arrive just prior to bell times and leave straight away.

SOCIAL DISTANCING - CHILDREN AND STAFF

- There is no “1m or 2m” social distancing during the day for children and staff, as the Ministries of Education and Health realise that children will struggle in schools to adhere to this as they learn and play with each other.
- Social distancing for children and staff is staying out of immediate moist breath proximity and giving other’s more “personal space”.

#### CHILDREN UNWELL AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- If your child is **unwell** with cold or flu-like symptoms then they need to **stay at home**. They can return once they are symptom-free.
- Any children who are showing cold or flu-like symptoms at school will be sent home so please ensure you have support at home if this is required.
- Please update your emergency contacts if they have changed with the school office.

#### ACCESS INTO CLASSES

At Alert Level 2 there will be limited access into classrooms for parents and families. Please avoid entering the class unless you are a parent of

- a New Entrant in Rooms 3, 4 or 5
- a newly enrolled child starting school or
- Your child is upset and needs you to help settle them into the class.

This means that we can have greater control over hygiene in these classes.

#### SCHOOL BUSES

- School buses and local transport will be running in Level 2 with hygiene systems in place which will be set out by the bus company.
- Our bus controller will give drivers a list of children on the bus for contract tracing purposes.

#### SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches will be available as normal on Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### FINALLY

On behalf of our staff and Board of Trustees, we would like to thank our community for their support during this time and for helping us to keep our children and families as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Patrice O’Connor  
Principal of Greytown School

Jane Cooper  
Board Chairperson of Greytown School