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SCHOOL  
RELIABILITY INTEGRITY SERVICE

## COVID Level 3 Community Update

Sunday 28 February

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It seems we are destined for a somewhat disrupted start to 2021. I hope you are holding up well and this is not impacting you and your loved ones too much. We certainly appreciate as a community that there are many families out there facing a wide range of challenges. One positive we can take from this is that our staff and students now have this well in hand and learning can continue with minimal disruption. Whilst being away from the buzz of school is not ideal, I know our staff will be doing their best, along with your support, to keep our young ones connected and engaged.

As I am sure you can appreciate, moving a classroom-based programme to a home learning programme takes some time. To ensure learning is not interrupted and to ensure teachers have time to effectively switch the programmes to home learning we have adopted the following strategy. On the first day of school following any lockdown announcements, such as the last two, all families will receive a home learning activity pack. With all families facing different circumstances, this home learning pack is optional. On day 2 class-based home learning will commence for all classes.

As we move back to Level 3 the following guidelines apply. Please ensure you read this information carefully.

### School Camps Postponed

This week and next many of our year 8 classes were planning on heading to camp. We will be making every effort to reschedule these camps as we believe this is an opportunity that brings great benefits for students of this age. This includes the camp scheduled for rooms 7, 29 & 30 departing on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### Community Picnic Postponed

As many of you will have heard in my welcome video last week relationships are a very important part of who we are as a school and as a community. To this end we plan to reschedule this event for some time later this term if at all possible.

### School Swimming Sports Cancelled

With limited availability of the surrounding pools and the likely cancellation of interzone swimming we have regrettably cancelled this event.

### Chromebook Click and Collect

Due to the extended period of lockdown, we have opted to issue Chromebooks to those families who do not currently have a device available at home that can be used regularly by their children. **This collection will take place Tuesday 2 March between 9am – 12pm.** Further details regarding the process for collection will be sent tomorrow.

### School Attendance During Level 3

Under Level 3, school is **only open to the students of essential workers.** All other students are required to remain at home in their bubbles.

### Guidelines for Students Attending Under Level 3

We will continue to provide supervision for those students who are unable to remain at home during level 3 due to their parents being essential workers. If your child is required to attend school we ask that you please contact our Office Manager, Lorraine Sutton, with your child's details and the dates they will be attending [officemgr@remint.school.nz](mailto:officemgr@remint.school.nz)

The following provides the relevant guidelines for anyone attending school during level 3. All our processes will operate under the basic principles of safe physical distancing, regular cleaning and good hygiene practices. We have a healthy supply of hand sanitiser in all classrooms. Classrooms and bathrooms will get disinfected regularly throughout the day. To support our efforts, we ask that you stress that for any children transporting themselves to and from school they must

maintain safe physical distancing at all times. This means they must be 2m away from anyone else at all times. Most importantly, **if your child is showing any signs of illness at all they MUST be kept at home.**

### **Adjusted School Hours**

Please note our school hours have been adjusted to accommodate an adjusted daily schedule.

- Students must arrive between 8:45 and 9am
- School Ends 2:30pm.

### **Arrival Procedures**

- Students must maintain 1m physical distancing when inside and 2m when outside
- Students must enter school through the St Vincent's foyer. This is the rear entrance accessed via St Vincent's Ave.
- Bikes or scooter can be stored inside the St Vincent's foyer
- If other students are waiting they must wait in line with appropriate distancing.
- Students **must arrive between 8:45 and 9:00am**
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team will greet the children, record their attendance and direct them to sanitise their hands
- Once children have been welcomed they will be directed to their Bubble room (all students will be based in the new classroom block as we can maintain physical distancing whilst keeping some sense of connection and community)

### **Departing School**

If you are collecting your child we ask that you wait in your car on St Vincent's Ave and your child will come and find you at the end of the day. Children will only be allowed to exit via St Vincent's.

### **What to Bring**

Children will need to bring the following items if possible. These items will remain with them at all times and children will not be able to share for obvious reasons.

- A packed lunch and snacks
- Basic stationary supplies
  - Pens, Pencils, Rubber, Ruler
  - Glue stick and scissors
  - Colouring pencils
- Full uniform (No PE gear)
- A device for accessing online learning (We can provide devices if necessary but would prefer personal devices)
- A book to read

### **What to Expect**

Your children will be supervised by one of our teachers in groups no larger than 10 students. During breaks children will be able to access toilets, eat their lunch and get some fresh air. Due to social distancing they will not be able to use playground or sports equipment.

### **School Access for Parents**

We ask that parents contact the school by phone or email if necessary. If it is essential that you visit the school in person, we ask that you come to the main office between 8am and 1pm and follow the procedures as signposted. If you need to get a message to your child throughout the day this can be done via the office 522 9890 or [officemgr@remint.school.nz](mailto:officemgr@remint.school.nz). We also ask that you scan the QR code at the entrance using the COVID app.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to get back on track as quickly as possible. If at any time you have further questions or wonderings please do not hesitate to contact me [principal@remint.school.nz](mailto:principal@remint.school.nz).

Kind Regards

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