

Alert Level 3 at Pinehurst School from 12th - 26th August.

New Zealand has moved back into Alert Level 3 as of August 12th. This means that there are many restrictions, and that our school is able to open **for the children of essential workers only**.

We are also reintroducing our rules about hygiene, physical distancing and signing in at school.

At Pinehurst, we are always exceptionally careful about health and safety, and so we have taken additional care to make sure that our students and staff are safe at school.

If your child is unwell, he or she must not come to school.

This is how our Level 3 in August will work at Pinehurst. We will update this document and store it on our website. We will also send you any new versions that we create.

This is not intended to cover every possible question, so please just ask us any questions you have, and we will do our best to answer them fully.

We have a full, comprehensive COVID-19 Health and Safety Management Plan in place and operational.

All students

If you wish to send your child to school but have not confirmed that you wish to do so, please let Alex Reed know by 6 pm the previous day.

Students in school

- The school day will stay in place: 8.45 to 3.15 for students.
- Your child will need to arrive at school between 8.15 am and 8.45 am. There will be no Before School Care during Level 3.
- All children should go initially to the School Library, where a member of staff will check his or her temperature. If there is a queue, please observe physical distancing while you wait.
- If your child's temperature is normal, he or she will either go straight to the classroom that he or she has been allocated, or will remain in the Library to study. Parents will not be allowed into the Primary School grounds at any time during Level 3.
- All students will be in limited bubbles for the whole of the school day.
- From 12th to 14th August, we will provide supervision only. We will move to a full programme if we need to the following week.

- Lunchtimes and intervals will take place in “bubble zones” to make sure that children do not have contact with children from other bubbles. There will also be extra supervision of children at these times.
- Climbing frames cannot be used during Level 3, but **shared play equipment within bubbles can be**. These will be cleaned regularly.
- Classrooms will be set up to provide maximum space between children, and we will try to ensure that children observe physical distancing of 1 metre or more. We know that we will not be able to do this all of the time, and that this will be very difficult with younger students, but all classrooms will be set up with sufficient space between desks. We know that students within bubbles will have contact with each other, though.
- We will have additional cleaning of surfaces (indoors and outdoors) during the day, and additional cleaning each evening. There will be hourly cleaning of toilets.
- At 3.15, teachers will bring their classes to the gates by the netball courts by the Year 3, 4 and 5 playground in turn, where they can be collected by parents.
- There will be no after school care during Level 3.
- We will not have any buses running on August 12th, 13th or 14th.
- Masks **MUST** be worn by students and staff. We will provide masks if students or staff ask for them.
- All staff and students will wash or sanitise their hands when entering a room, before eating, and at other times when appropriate.

Students at home

- We will run a full online programme for all students from August 13th.