

# Maungatapere School Newsletter

## Update for Level 1

Tuesday 9 June



Kia ora family & whanau

We have appreciated everyone's help and support during Level 2, especially in drop off and pick up each day and not entering the school grounds. It has made it easy for us as far as administration for contact tracing goes.

We have suddenly moved to Level 1 and what this means for schools was shared yesterday evening – so we can now inform our school community what this will look like for us.

Key messages:

***There are no specific public health requirements for schools.***

***Schools are all open for students.***

***Safe and sensible practices for hygiene will continue.***

***Staff will continue to observe students and if they present unwell symptoms send them home.***

The guidelines below outline how we will manage the requirements for alert level 1.

### **Aspects considered at Level 1 -**

1. If people are sick, stay home (phone Healthline or GP and get tested if you have flu like symptoms).
2. Staff and students will continue to practice good hygiene – coughing, sneezing, nose blowing, handwashing.
3. Physical distancing is not a requirement but where possible/practical it is encouraged around people you do not know.
4. Soap and water and drying hands will be promoted before eating and using bathrooms. Hand sanitiser no longer needs to be used on entry or exit of rooms but will be available.
5. Regular sanitisation and cleaning of commonly touched surfaces will continue.
6. Drinking fountains will be open for use.
7. Contact tracing registers are not required for parents picking up or dropping off, but visitors to our school need to sign in at the office. A QR code for NZ COVID Tracer app will be displayed at the carpark gate and school office.
8. There are no restrictions on physical activities, including cultural and sporting activities.
9. There are no restrictions on gatherings/assemblies.
10. If schools are connected to a confirmed or probable case they will close on an individual or group basis for contact tracing and cleaning.
11. End of Day procedures for buses, walkers and ASC will continue as normal with students being checked off lists.  
Please continue to notify changes to the school via the App, email or phone.

**Car Morning Drop off:** We have had many positive comments about the drop off and pick up system that has operated while at Level 2. We would like to encourage parents to continue to drop off from cars or at the school gate – this has certainly promoted more independence in our children. It also means the carpark does not get jammed with cars. Obviously if there is a need to come into school to talk with your child's teacher you are welcome to do so.

**Car Afternoon Pick up:** Car students will continue to wait with teachers at the school gate and go when cars arrive. With older children you can also consider pick up on Corsair Drive – there is a footpath along Mangakahia Rd so children are safe to walk. If students know where they are being picked up from they can go straight there at the end of the day.

**ASC Pickup:** Again those that liked the Level 2 system can continue to use it. ASC phone number 0210375623 – please text or phone when you arrive in the carpark and the children will be brought to you. You are also now welcome to go in and collect your children from ASC.

**Intermediate Netball:** There will be a newsletter out this week, but can we also ask Intermediate netball players to confirm if they will still be playing – Times will be Saturday for Team 1 and Monday night for Team 2 unless they reassess at level 1. We will get the teams sorted this week as play starts 27 and 29 June respectively.

Regards

Judy Eagles

Principal