

## *Bayview Primary School*

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### **Returning to School Under Alert Level 2 - FAQ's**

Some of you have asked some really good questions and we will try to answer them here:

- 1. Will after school care be available?** Yes all of our after school care providers will be fully functional from Monday with alert level 2 procedures. Here are the contact details for our providers:

#### **Bayview Community Centre**

Email: [office@bayviewcentre.org.nz](mailto:office@bayviewcentre.org.nz). Phone 09 443 0231

#### **4 Kids and whanau**

Email: [office@4kids.nz](mailto:office@4kids.nz) Phone: 09 4409394

#### **Kids Klub Glenfield**

Email: [Bruce@kidsklub.co.nz](mailto:Bruce@kidsklub.co.nz) Phone: [09-444 1560](tel:09-444-1560)

- 2. Can my child wear their school uniform?** Yes we would like all our children to be in the correct school uniform. We ask that these are kept as clean as possible as hygiene is of the utmost importance at alert level 2.
- 3. Do you have soap in the bathrooms?** Yes we have soap and paper towels in every bathroom as well as soap dispensers next to sinks in classrooms. Every classroom has multiple hand sanitiser units and we have others installed around the school. Our children will be required to wash and sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day.
- 4. Can I buy my child lunch on EZlunch?** Yes EZlunch is fully operational from Monday. Instead of the children collecting this from the office they will be taken to your child's classroom (via Bayview Uber Eats). Please make sure your child has enough food to get them through the day, it may be hard to transition back to regular eating times.
- 5. Can we visit the school over the next couple of days?** We strongly suggest that before Monday that you bring your child for a walk and show them where you will be dropping them off and picking them up. This will help with any anxiety. We do ask that on Thursday and Friday you DO NOT enter the school grounds between 8am and 3.30pm as we have learners onsite and would require your names on a contact tracing register.

- 6. Will the school playgrounds be open?** Yes from Thursday afternoon the school playgrounds will be open. If you bring your child up during the weekend you must observe the level 2 rules around physical distancing. Please note there is no hand sanitiser available next to the playgrounds for weekends. All council playgrounds will be open.
- 7. Will the water fountains be available?** No. Our water fountains will remain covered under alert level 2. Every child will need to bring their own named, refillable drink bottle. Bottles can be refilled in classrooms.
- 8. What do I need to do to get my child ready for school?** Before Monday we suggest you dig out your child's lunchbox, drink bottle, uniform and bag and make sure they are clean and ready to go. Take a walk up to school and show your child the designated drop off and pick up zone. Reinforce hand washing routines i.e. after going to the toilet, frequently throughout the day. Reinforce the physical distancing rules i.e. no touching, stay out of the moist breath zone, coughing and sneezing into the crook of your elbow, etc.
- 9. Do I have to send my child back to school?** No. If you would like to wait a few days or a week before you send your child back to school that is fine. Please just let us know. We will still provide learning from home opportunities for students not returning straight away on Seesaw.
- 10. Does my child have to wear a mask to school?** Advice from the Ministry of Health is that this is not necessary but we will leave it up to you to make that decision for your child.
- 11. Do I have to physically walk my child to the gate?** Not at all. If your child is comfortable and confident enough to walk themselves into the school grounds then let them grow their independence! We strongly encourage parents to park away from the school and get their child to walk from there e.g. you could park by Lynn Reserve and your child could walk up the Simon Ellice walkway and then meet you there after school.
- 12. Are you having staggered break times?** We are following the advice from the Ministry of Health which has advised that staggered break times are not necessary. We are lucky at Bayview that we have such a large campus which allows the children to spread out. Please know that for the first few days our main messages for students will be around physical distancing, hygiene and keeping themselves and others safe. This is why we will be at alert level 2.5 initially instead of going straight to alert level 2!
- 13. How will you manage movement of children around the school?** Our teachers have spent this week developing new systems in their classes around the movement of children. Children will not be dismissed from class as a group but this will be done in small groups to assist with physical distancing.