

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 17 February 2022

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

Thank you for your support in this ever-changing, challenging time.

As mentioned in the newsletter emailed last week, it was only a matter of time before COVID-19 arrived at BMIS, like it has at so many other schools. Thank you for your patience while we navigated this yesterday.

We want to reassure everyone that the safety and wellbeing of your child and our staff is very important to us. We are governed by the MOE and MOH guidelines and we have a plan in place.

If there is a COVID-19 positive case at school:

- Confirmed COVID-19 positive case identified as being at school while infectious.
- The school will contact all **close contacts** with an email and a phone call, with information as to what you need to do.
- **Casual contacts** will be advised by email, with information as to what you need to do.
- The school will remain open for all other students.
- Learning packs with online support will be available for Close Contact isolating students.
- Public Health are to let Close Contacts know when they can return to school

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

BMIS COVID-19 Routines Include:

- Please keep your child at home if they are sick or are isolating and let the school know
- If we have a positive case, we will contact all close and casual contacts as soon as possible – please ensure we have your latest contact details
- Classrooms are ventilated
- Students and staff wear a mask when indoors
- Regular hand washing/sanitising and cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Keeping student groups separated where possible
- Home learning packs are available if close contact students need to isolate

Thank you again for your support.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood – Principal