

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 12 October 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa

I hope that you are doing well in this uncertain time.

The Government has kept with its cautious approach when responding to COVID-19, and as a result, we will stay at Alert Level 3 for a bit longer.

We are proud of how our community has responded to this outbreak, but the mahi isn't yet done. Please continue to follow all the Alert Level requirements including staying at home and getting tested for COVID-19 if you are feeling unwell, and for your own sake and for the health of your whānau, please get vaccinated. I have included some [information about vaccinations](#) to support decision making.

At full Alert Level 3 **you legally must stay within your household bubble unless for essential personal movement**, including going to work and going to school. We are therefore open once more on Monday for only the small number of children who **NEED** to attend. All our usual safety precautions for Alert Level 3 will be in place which include all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means students will be kept in a small bubble.

Our staff on-site will also have been tested for COVID-19 before they get back to work and we are moving toward having 100 percent of our staff vaccinated – so we are all playing our part in keeping our community safe.

You can also assist everyone's safety by keeping your child at home if they are feeling unwell and please do contact your GP or Healthline, to seek advice about getting tested.

We will continue to support all children who remain learning from home through our distance learning programme commencing Monday, 18th October.

While we know how difficult it is trying to work from home as well as support your child's learning, please **keep your child at home if there is an appropriate carer available**. For those of you with **no other option**, we look forward to seeing your child at school next week. **You MUST register your child's attendance** with Nicki by emailing admin@brucemclaren.school.nz by **Thursday, 14th October, 12pm**.

It is now legally required that we hold a COVID-19 vaccination register for all eligible students and staff.

We will therefore need to know if your child, 12 years or over, has had their first or second vaccine dose or is exempted from being vaccinated. This information will be held by us in accordance with the Privacy Act and will only be shared with public health authorities.

We are therefore getting our data collection system in place and will get in touch with you again very soon.

If we were to have a case of COVID-19 in our school, public health authorities will want to know if we are a school with a high vaccination rate. This information will then be used as part of the local health authority's risk assessment. The more highly vaccinated we are (staff and eligible students), the less likely it will be that we will have to close down for a long period of time, or we might not need to close at all.

These are the very best things we can do to keep our community as safe as possible and get everyone back to school.

So, as you can see, there much is taking place to plan for Monday, 18th October. On site and distance learning will be activated.

Alert Level 3: (click [HERE](#) for flowchart)

School chromebooks will be activated at 8:30am, Monday, 18th October for BMIS mahi.

Distance Learning from Home: (as previously – nothing changes)

- student needs to log on/check in from 8:45am – 1pm
- programmes continue
- core platforms continue: SeeSaw, googleclassroom, MathsBuddy, EduPerfect, Hapara, ReadTheory,

On Site at BMIS: (as previously – nothing changes. Click [HERE](#) for info)

- student NEEDS to be at school ONLY because there is NO adult/carer in the home during school time
- student MUST be registered by Thursday, 14th October, 12pm
- all food and drink is to be provided by home for student
- no PE gear or play equipment is provided
- drop off and pick up are at the front gate
- only BMIS staff in bubble
- sanitizing continues
- cleaning continues
- BMIS teachers on site continue to teach their own students
- *BMIS staff on site to have a negative COVID-19 test result*

If a school device is loaned to the student who NEEDS to be at school, this must come daily for distance learning.

Depending on the duration of the continued Lockdown, those who returned their loaned school devices will have an opportunity to collect these in a contactless process. We will be in contact. However, at this stage, there is much learning that can take place inside their bubble.

Thank you for your continued support as we juggle information and navigate this unprecedented time.

Stay safe. Stay well.

He eke waka noa!

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood - Principal