

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 28 February 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou, Talofa lava,

The Government announced that the whole of Auckland will move from Alert Level 1 to **Alert Level 3 for seven days from 6:00am this morning, Sunday, 28 February 2021.**

Covid-19 Alert Level 3 means stay home to protect your household bubble and if you do have to go out, keep a 2-metre distance from people you don't know.

WE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE – RECENTLY. PROCEDURES ARE THE SAME AS PREVIOUSLY.

Dr Bloomfield stated that “schools are closed”. We will be open only for you if you have **no other options to have your child minded between 9:00am – 3:00pm because you MUST work.** Register your child at admin@brucemclaren.school.nz

Buses will not collect any student unless registered with the school – some services are not operating.

We will activate our home learning plan. Our priority is to stay connected to you and your tamariki. We will do everything we need to for your children and your whānau.

There are very few students who **need a device to complete home learning. A device and Contract of Care and Responsibility for the device will be ready for contactless collection at the school** from 10:00am - 2:00pm on Monday, 1 March and 8:00am - 12:00pm on Tuesday, 2 March.

The device is the property of the school and therefore returned the first day of onsite learning out of Alert Level 3. Feel free to phone ahead before arriving at the school for a contactless collection of a device and contract - phone: 836 3175.

For all of our community, we need to keep ourselves, family and whānau safe. It is important we follow the rules. All Covid-19 Alert Level procedures are on our school website.

If you aren't sure if you have been to a place where someone with COVID has visited – please go to the [Ministry of Health website for the 'Locations of Interest'](#). Check the date and time of each location listed in the table and if you were there at the same time, go to the right column on the right to see what you need to do.

COVID-19 symptoms can vary a lot with each person, so while we are familiar with the following symptoms:

- a new or worsening cough
- fever (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell.

Some people may present with less typical symptoms such as only one of the following:

- muscle pain
- fever
- diarrhoea
- headache
- nausea/vomiting
- confusion/irritability.

If you or your whānau experience any of these symptoms, please contact your GP or Healthline (0800 358 5453) for advice and get tested if advised to do so.

As 'Team McLaren', staff and students at BMIS, say: *It is all right to feel over this right now but we all know what to do, we have done this before and we will do it again, together.*

Sanitise, sanitise, sanitise and stay home!

Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood - Principal