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6 March 2021 St Joseph's School New Plymouth COVID 19 Alert Level 1 Schooling – UPDATE /REMINDER Information for Parents, Caregivers and Children

The Prime Minister has announced that we will return to Alert Level 1 from 6am Sunday March 7. We will be back into Level 1 schooling from Tuesday (March 9 2021). (Monday is Taranaki Anniversary – No school).

REMINDER: What St Joseph's NP School looks like at Alert Level 1.

Classrooms and Pick Up and Drop off

- Soap is available for handwashing. Hand sanitiser is also available in classrooms.
- Parents are able to access the school site and are able to visit classrooms and the office. Please be aware if there is a return to Alert Level 2 schooling, adults / parents will not be able to access the school grounds or buildings. Please make sure you are helping your children to be independent with arriving and leaving the school on their own. If we change back to Alert Level 2 schooling, children will need to be able to come up to their classroom and leave the grounds at the end of the day on their own. They have done well with this over the last week.
- The Government QR Code will be on every classroom window / door and at the office. (Please scan the Government QR Code when you enter the first building or classroom on every visit to the school. The Track and Trace function on the school app remains active and can also be used (front screen of the App– remember to log in and log out).
- Please sign children out at the office if taking children out of the school during the day.

Managing Attendance

- Students and staff will not attend school if they are unwell. **Students and staff who become unwell during the school day are required to be sent home.** If people are sick, they must stay home (phone Healthline or their GP if they have flu-like symptoms). Use the App to notify the school if a student is not attending school - please include a detailed reason.
- Parents who take children out during the day must sign children out at the office. Visitors will continue to sign in and sign out at the office and use the Government Tracing App.

Hygiene

- At Alert Level 1 we will continue to follow good hygiene practices (coughing and sneezing into elbows, sanitising, handwashing with soap and drying hands).

OSCAR

- OSCAR will continue to be up and running while we are at Alert Level 1. The OSCAR Programme will be using the same protocols as the school.

SCHOOL POOL

- The pool is available for community key holders again from Sunday 7th March. We will be in touch in a few weeks with a pool end of season date for the community after any prolonged weather challenge.

Mike Dowd and Fiona Hopkirk