



15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Re: Reopening at Covid-19 level 2

We are very excited to be reopening Opihi College site and looking forward to seeing most of your children on Monday.

As you would expect, there are a number of changes that we have to make on site in order to work safely at Level 2. We also have a lot of temporary 'rules' we will all need to follow in order to keep your students and our staff safe. We have a number of immunocompromised students and staff, and it is particularly important that we do everything we can to assure their safety.

I know I sent home a long letter earlier in the week but I felt it necessary to update you today so that you and your children know what to expect from Monday.

1. Water fountains will not be open. Students must bring their own full water bottle.
2. Canteen - will be open from Monday, with some new winter menu items. All food will be pre-packaged and social distancing rules will apply for queueing and ordering. Claire also offers the option of contactless payment through online banking. The details are 01-0505-0916364-00 Hapi Puku. They are still taking cash payments.
3. Masks – Public Health has made it clear that PE is not required; however, if students choose to wear masks we will allow them to. Surgical masks only can be worn. No bandanas.
4. Buses – are running. Health and Safety on buses is the responsibility of the bus company. Any student not following drivers instructions will be stood down from the bus during COVID-19 Level 2.
5. School Digital Devices – all school devices to be returned to school on Monday. Drop at Student Office.
6. Student Digital Devices – if students have their own devices (laptop, chromebook) that they can bring to school they should do so. That will save them 'sharing' a device with others.



7. Sanitising – Students will sanitise on entering any classroom – teachers will manage this. All toilets have soap and paper towels. 20 second washing with soap, 20 second drying.
8. Student Office – One in, one out. Only one person in Student office foyer at a time. Line up 1m spaced on hall veranda.
9. Visitors - Please avoid coming in to school. Visitors to a minimum. No more than 3 in foyer at a time. Respect 2m social distancing at all times in admin area to protect our staff.
10. Dropping off belongings – please check your student has everything with them in the morning to avoid having to drop off articles. If you must drop things off, name them well and place on 'courier packages' table OUTSIDE admin doors.
11. Sickness – anyone who is unwell (staff or student) must stay home. Anyone who shows any symptoms at school will be sent home immediately. Anyone with cold/flu symptoms must have a COVID-19 test (by calling Healthline) and not to return to school until cleared.
12. Stationery – please make sure your child comes fully equipped. They will not be able to share stationery.

I know the list seems ongoing, and I am sure we have not covered everything here, but we have given you general information that will help us get started on Monday. All students will start the day with Whanau class where they will be talked through Health and Safety procedures.

Enjoy your final weekend before our school site reopens.

Nga mihi

Tina Johnson
Principal