



# Trentham School

Empowered Learners for the Future

## ALERT LEVEL 1

Kia ora koutou

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices. All children must now be back at school and we are required to work with the Ministry of Education to follow up on any children who have not returned.

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that. We are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register but must continue with the usual practice of having a visitor register. A reminder that you must sign in and out at the office during the school day.

So for the most part, Alert Level 1 is very much business as usual for us. We can now look forward to inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities.

Teachers have noticed that over the last three weeks, our students have developed great self-management skills and independence through our drop off and pick up procedures. Surprisingly, reduced anxiety has been evident with parents not dropping children directly at the classroom. Teachers are valuing the 1-1 connection time with their students from 8.30am. We would like to continue these practices four days a week to maintain the growth we have seen.

### **BEFORE SCHOOL: Drop Off**

1. Monday - Thursday: Entry to school grounds for students only, with exceptions for younger children, children with special needs and anxiety.
2. Friday: Entry to school grounds for students. Parents/caregivers are invited to go into the classrooms to celebrate their child's learning over the week.
3. Ideally, children should not be arriving to school before 8.30am, unless going to YMCA or Breakfast Club. Arrival before 8.15am is not acceptable due to safety concerns. Children are unsupervised in the grounds and are not allowed inside until 8.30am. The mornings are much colder now so we encourage you to please have your children arrive between 8.30-8.55am.

### **AFTER SCHOOL: Pick Up**

1. Pick up for all children will return to 3.00pm.
2. Continued collection from the school gate or arranged area, or outside the classroom if needed for younger children.

We continue to thank you for your on-going support throughout the alert levels.

Ngā mihi

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PRINCIPAL