

18th February 2022

Kia ora, e te whānau

Thank you for your patience and support as we have worked through the processes of managing COVID at Northland School after we were informed there was a confirmed COVID-19 case in **Tieke 1 and 2** yesterday.

We are aware there were some issues last night with some families not receiving the email we sent out. This was due to a technical issue which we are currently working on. Thank you to the families who contacted us to let us know. We have also responded to your feedback and are simplifying the information so that our communication is clearer.

All students and staff who were in **Tieke 1 and 2** on **Monday the 14th February** and **Tuesday the 15th of February** (morning only) have been identified as **close contacts**. All close contacts have received a separate email from school outlining what they need to do.

Household members and siblings are not required to isolate, as they have not been in close contact with the Covid case. If your child is a **sibling** of a child in **Tieke 1 and 2** you may choose to keep them at home, but this is not necessary. Please let the class teacher know if you are keeping a sibling at home during this period.

If your child is in another learning space; **Ruru, Kōtare, Tūi Iti or Tūi 5 and 6** they can attend school as usual.

What we are doing:

- Identifying close contacts of the confirmed case
- Providing updates on what you need to do as soon as possible
- Continuing to remain open for all other students in Ruru, Kötare, Tūi Iti or Tūi 5 and 6
- Setting up **Distance Learning** for all students who are not at school from Monday
- We will send notifications about the learning via Seesaw on Sunday.

What you need to do:

- Monitor your child for symptoms and keep in communication with us if your child becomes unwell.
- If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and call: Healthline for free on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor.

We understand this may be a worrying time for you all, but we want you to know that the health and wellbeing of our children, staff and community is a top priority. Thank you for your continued support, we appreciate the kind messages we have received.

Ngā mihi



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