

24 January 2022

Kia ora koutou

**Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that *all of Aotearoa New Zealand would move to the Red Traffic Light level at 11.59pm on Sunday 23 January. Because of the high rates of vaccinations in New Zealand, and particularly Auckland, we are not locking down and are instead carrying on, with restrictions. How will this affect Bailey Road School?***

***Firstly - school will be open for instruction on Tuesday, February 1. Our staff are fully vaccinated and will be receiving booster vaccinations as our four month waiting period passes.***

***As you are most likely aware, vaccinations are available for all children over five years of age and we encourage you to get your tamariki and mokopuna vaccinated to provide as much personal protection and, importantly, community protection from this virus, as possible.***

***Our school will be following all protocols regarding the safety of our ākonga, community and staff, as prescribed by the Ministries of Health and of Education. Assemblies and Powhiri will not take place under the current restrictions.***

***Secondly - Our students from Years 3 and above are required to wear masks at school so please provide your child/ren with these. Term 1 also requires school hats to be worn so please remember to pop these into school bags.***

***Thirdly - community access to school is restricted during this traffic light level, however we realise the beginning of school is a stressful time for some students, particularly our smallest. From 8:30 am, when our Cotswold, Junior and Office gates open, parents can come on site as long as they are wearing masks and do not remove them while taking children to their new classes or settling them into the new school year. By 9:00 am our gates will be locked for the remainder of the day. Gates will not open until 2:40 pm and parents/guardians are asked to remain outside of the gates and wait for their children to leave the school grounds. Junior parents may assemble behind the coned area beside Room 9.***

***All other access to the school at times between 9:00 am and 2:45 pm must be carried out through the office. Vaccine passports will be required before anyone is allowed access, and access will only be granted to those who have arranged meetings or have similar reasons to be onsite. Students will be brought to parents and guardians who need to take them earlier than 2:45 pm.***

***It is our sincere hope that all of our precious tamariki return to school on the first day of term so that we can begin 2022 focused on their learning in a classroom.***

**Ray Kelly  
Principal/Tumuaki  
Bailey Road School**