

COVID-19 Alert Level 2 at Kelston Primary

Parent/Student Guidelines/Requirements

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Yesterday the Prime Minister announced that we will be moving to Alert Level 2 this Thursday 14th May. At Level 2 we are able to open school fully. This Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of May are Teacher Only Days with ***school opening for all students on Monday 18th May***. We are very excited about having all of our wonderful students able to come back to school. In order to maintain a safe space, we have a few guidelines and restrictions in place that we need to follow in order to meet Alert Level 2.

Below are the strict guidelines that must be adhered to by all parties: parents, other family members, your child/ren and the teachers and other staff on site. It is important that these measures are followed to ensure the safety of everyone.

- ***Your child must be 100% well to attend school.*** Symptoms to monitor for are any respiratory symptoms such as a cold, a head cold, blocked ears, cough, sneezing, chills and a fever. Anyone with these symptoms must stay home and contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 for advice.
- If children come to school and appear unwell in any way you will be contacted to collect them.
- ***Drop your child at the gate if at all possible.***
- Alternatively, there will be coned off and signed areas at the two main entry points to the school (front and back). You will be able to see your child walk to class from here. If you go past this point YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE FIRST! The office will have controlled entry so you may be required to wait outside on the 2-metre distance markers.
- No parent cars are allowed on school grounds. The school driveway is NOT to be used by parents or students this includes for walking.
- At Alert Level 2 In schools physical distancing means students and staff maintaining enough distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. Students are not able to hug teachers or each other. No high fives, handshakes etc.
- All parents and other visitors must maintain a minimum of 2-metre distance from each other, other children and the teachers at all times.
- **NO LATE PICK UPS!** When waiting to pick up your child please ensure you maintain the 2-metre distance rule at all times by spreading out, waiting in your car etc.
- Playgrounds will be shut after school. When the bell goes students must leave the school grounds asap. After 3.05 pm students waiting to be picked up must wait outside the school gates. Anyone still waiting after 3.15 pm will be sent to SKIDS after school care and families will be billed for this.
- All classes will have strict handwashing/sanitising rules. All students will hand sanitise upon entry and exit of their classroom. They will hand sanitise before and after using shared spaces/equipment e.g. playgrounds, sandpits and sports equipment. All toilets will have liquid soap and paper towel dispensers. Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces (tables, desks, devices, equipment) will occur. Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned after school each day.
- Water fountains will be closed. ***Students MUST bring a water bottle to school each day.*** Re-filling of these will be controlled by the teacher in class.
- If you received a device i.e. Chromebook or Ipad from the Ministry of Education or directly from school these need to be returned as soon as possible. Please send the devices to school with your child in the bag provided.

Things you may be used to doing but will be unable to at Level 2

- Walk your child directly to class. You must sign in at the office if you come past the entry warning sign.
- You are unable to wait for your child outside their classroom.
- You must maintain a minimum of 2-metre distance from anyone not in your family bubble.

This is our initial plan and we may need to make changes as we move through Alert Level 2. If you have any questions/queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 827 2187.