

Tena Koutou parents and caregivers. We are really happy that the children are returning to school next week. It has been a long eight weeks and I thank parents for your support during this time. I also want to thank my amazing staff for their efforts in very difficult circumstances. I have also enjoyed seeing all of the remote learning children have been taking part in – well done children – you are awesome!

Please read the important protocols below for our return to school next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone! Nga mihi nui, Steve

Onekawa School – Level 2 Return to School Protocols – Important – Please read carefully!

Children's return to school

Basic hygiene messages will be given regularly to children:

- cover sneezes and coughs,
- wash/sanitise hands after using toilet, before eating or touching face
- Regularly sanitise throughout the day
- Children will be reminded regularly about distancing (staying out of other's personal space)

Students must bring to school their own water bottles – drinking fountains will be closed.

Parents at school

We encourage parents to drop off/pick up children outside the school gates if possible. Parents of younger children are of course welcome to walk their children to class. Please ensure though that a two metre distance is kept from you and others.

Parents and caregivers who do enter the school grounds will need to record their entry and exit. This is for the purposes of contact tracing. This can be done in two ways:

- Via the school app (this feature will be enabled shortly – details to follow)
- Entering details into visitor books kept at all entries to the school

Parents are not able to enter classrooms over the first two weeks. If you have any issues you need to discuss with the teacher please email them or send a message through Seesaw.

If you have an office enquiry, we would prefer you phone us in the first instance instead of visiting. The school number is 06 843 8297.

Remote learning

Remote learning will conclude this Friday 15 May, except for children who are unable to attend due to health issues i.e. immunocompromised (them or a close family member).

Sickness

Children, adults and staff members who are unwell must stay at home.

Children who come to school sick will be sent home immediately.

Absences

If your child does not attend school at any stage we must be informed and given the specific reason why. You can do this by phoning the absence line on 06 843 8297, sending a text to 021 0251 9173 or letting us know via the school app. **This is very important that you do so.**

Devices

If your child borrowed a school Chromebook please have them return it to their classroom on Monday.

Cleaning

Toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout day.

'High traffic doors' will be kept open where possible.

Classroom desks will be sanitised regularly.

Play areas will be sanitised before each break time.

Concrete Pouring for our new classrooms!

It was all action at Onekawa School on Monday with the arrival of thirty concrete trucks! The foundation work is almost complete and we now await the arrival of our new classrooms - these are due in the next few weeks 😊



Sports Uniforms – Please Return

Due to the unexpected early end to term one we have a number of sports uniforms needing to be returned. Please bring these next week, in a named bag, to the box outside Room 6. Thanks 😊

Room 1 and 2 is now complete!

Children in Rooms 1 and 2 will be starting back in their new classrooms! The environments look amazing and I know children are going to love learning in them. Thanks again to Oak Construction for their great work.

