

SOUTH SCHOOL UNDER COVID ALERT LEVEL 2

Hello everyone

Today the Prime Minister outlined what we could expect when the country goes to Alert Level 2. This evening we received the Public Health guidelines that need to be implemented to keep our students and staff safe.

The good news is that when we are able to, we will be ready to welcome all students and staff back to South School. Most students are expected to attend School at Alert Level 2 so listen for the announcement on Monday 11 May.

We are currently finalising our planning based on the key Public Health approach that will minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, ensuring we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person and procedures if someone in our school is infected.

Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of the virus. This will be challenging, so good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are even more important. Our staff and students will be expected to comply with high standards of hygiene including, coughing into their elbows, handwashing and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

Under Alert Level 2 students and staff must stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

The South School Health and Safety plan for COVID Alert Level 2 will be published on our web site with a link to the School App from midday Monday 11 May. If you have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss an individual plan for them please contact Caroline Gyde.
cgyde@dannevirkesouth.school.nz

We understand that some students will not attend school during level 2. For these students home learning will be continued and you are encouraged to discuss this with your class teacher as soon as possible.

For all students returning to school under Alert level 2 online learning will cease 2 working days prior to school commencing. This provides time for staff to plan school based learning and prepare for student welfare and transition back to school..

We will be in touch again early next week to update you on our plans.

Alert Level 2

School opening commences the Monday after the Government announces that we will move to Alert Level 2

Attending School week Beginning Monday 11 May Alert Level 3

If you need your child/ren to attend School for the coming week you must email principal@dannevirkesouth.school.nz or phone 0275064862 before 4pm Friday 8 May.

Stephen Snell
Principal