



### **Kia ora koutou**

**Thank you** to all our students, staff and parents that have been working together to make our school a safe place for students to return. We appreciate the patience of our whanau at drop off and pick up times. Our students are doing exceptionally well at keeping their social distancing and sanitising at every opportunity. We will keep our strict guidelines and processes in place for another week to ensure that we can maintain and sustain a level of safety for all our Firth whanau.

Our students have settled well back into school and have taken on board the 3s and are leading by example to ensure we are separated, seated and sanitised. The only change we have made is that students will be able to go into class at 8.30am rather than line up in their respective class lines due to the weather being colder and a little wet.

### **What does this look like at Firth? If your child/ren**

#### **Drop Off And Pick Up Zones:**

##### **Drop off at school**

**Drop off students between 8.30 am - 9.00 am**

Students are not permitted on school grounds before 8.30 am

**Drop off zones** will be from the front of the school - teachers will escort students to the drop off zone in class groupings and take them to their respective classrooms.

##### **Pick up from school**

**Pick up zones** are at the front of the school

**Pick up at the end of the day is from 2.50pm - 3.10 pm**

**Parents please do not enter the school grounds.**

**We will bring your child/ren to the drop off zone at the front of the school at the end of the day.**

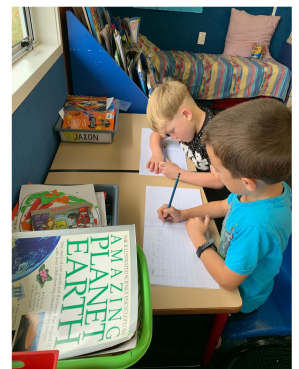
## **Buses**

On Monday, normal school bus transport services return. For the ongoing safety of drivers and students the following measures are in place.

- Seats in close proximity to the driver will be left empty.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for each student to use as they board the vehicle.
- Vehicles and surfaces will be sanitized after each journey by the transport company.

## **Our school has safe and sensible Our school has safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site.**

- Each child will have a designated seat (this may be at a table or on the carpet) and will be seated in the same space on a daily basis
- Each individual child needs to bring their own named drink bottle
- Each individual child will have their own learning tools, e.g pens, books, pencils, tote trays in their designated space
- Each class groupings will use their cloak bay toilets and these will be cleaned between classes
- Students will wash their hands and sanitise on entry and at various times throughout the day
- Classroom surfaces will be wiped regularly with sanitiser throughout the day with a thorough clean at the end of each day by our cleaner
- Playground will be restricted to a maximum of 20 students at any given time and will be sprayed at the end of each day
- Sports equipment will be shared only class groupings
- Bikes will not be available to students for the next two weeks.
- Masks and gloves will be provided for those students and staff who wish to wear these
- Students will be dropped off from the front gate and escorted to their classrooms by teachers
- There will be no access to our site for parents and/or visitors. Students will be dispersed to parents from the car park footpath. Parents please stay in your cars and we will bring your child/dren to you.
- Teachers will continue to use their digital platforms, however the focus of learning is on face to face classroom teaching.
- Breakfast and Lunch club will be running, however there will be no lunch orders available



### **Visitors are Discouraged and Limited**

While the school office staff will be working, the school offices are essentially closed for all but non-contact interactions. For the safety of our staff and students we ask that parents and visitors do not come into the school grounds unless it is totally necessary. Only use these communication mediums to communicate with school. Please do not use the facebook page for absences. You can communicate through **txt: office cell: 0272660365, (preferred number), principal 021804407,(txt only) email: office@firth.school.nz, office phone: 078887396**

### **FUNDRAISING – OP SHOP**

The school was due to have the Community Op Shop on 8th June-12th June, this has been changed to 22nd June-26th June. Hopefully things around COVID 19 will have changed some more & this will also give us plenty of time to organise things.

We may open on **Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st**. We need people to help with this fundraiser and below are the times we will have the op shop. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

Helpers needed for these days and times

**Saturday - 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm**

**Sunday - 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm**

**Monday - 9am-12pm, 12pm-2.30pm**

**Tuesday - 9am-12pm, 12pm-2.30pm**

**Wednesday - 9am-12pm, 12pm-2.30pm**

**Thursday - 9am-12pm, 12pm-2.30pm**

**Friday - 9am-12pm, 12pm-2.30pm**

We need at least 4 people per slot.

We will provide gloves, masks, sanitiser etc during this time and also request that there be no children, for safety/health purposes.

We need as many people as possible to help out. This is a great fundraiser for us and it would be a real disappointment if we had to cancel. Please let the parent group know if you can help or email the office:

[office@firth.school.nz](mailto:office@firth.school.nz)

**If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, please do not hesitate to email me on [principal@firth.school.nz](mailto:principal@firth.school.nz)**

We are excited and look forward to welcoming back all our staff, students and whaanau.

**Ngā mihi**  
**Michelle Ryan**  
**Principal**