



Kia ora te whaanau

In preparation for returning to school, we need you to understand the following messages and complete the google form to support our planning.

The key message for you is that if you can, you should keep your child at home. You should only physically send your child to school if you need to.

At this point in time, the following restrictions will apply when school reopens for those students who are unable to be looked after at home.

- Students are only at school if there is no one else to look after them whilst parents/caregivers are at work.
- Not all staff will be able to return to school under the guidelines of Alert Level 3.
- Bubbles are limited to 10. Students will not be working with their peers or regular classroom teacher.
- School will only be open between the hours of 9am – 3pm. Each bubble will be given a specific 'dropoff' and 'pick up' time.
- At this stage, buses will not be running
- Students can only access the school site from the carpark on Station Road.
- Parents/Whaanau/visitors will not be permitted on the school site.
- The school is unable to provide breakfast and lunch club - students will need to bring their own lunch box and named drink bottle
- Water fountains are not to be used.
- Social distancing protocols will apply and this means staggered break times in designated areas.
- There is no access to the playground or sports equipment.
- If your child has a health condition that means they are at a greater risk of a severe illness you must keep them at home.
- Any child presenting with any signs of illness should not be at school and will be sent home.
- The School Office is only open for phone calls, txts or emails. There is no face to face access.



Classroom protocols will include:

Classroom programmes will be the same as the online learning that is currently happening in Google Classrooms, seesaw and dojo.

- Students will have limited access to classroom equipment e.g No access to things like Lego, any cooperative learning games and there will be minimal movement around the classroom space.
- Students being seated in the same place each day, all day.
- A minimum of 1m distancing inside and 2m outside

If you are sending your child/ren to school they are required to attend every day unless they are sick. This is not an opt in or opt out scenario. We will be operating under the Ministry of Education guidelines of setting up and monitoring an Alert Level 3 School Roll to support contact tracing.

Thank you for taking responsibility to help make plans work and to keep our children and our education workforce safe. If you need any further clarification, please feel free to email me at principal@firth.school.nz

Access google form here:

[Urgent information needed](#)

Nga mihi, Stay safe and be kind to each other

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