



Kia ora koutou

Nau mai haere mai, Welcome back to school. We have a very rigid plan in place to support our students and whaanau to stay safe during the next two weeks. We are going hard early, so that we can sustain and maintain strict processes while we all get back to school and some normality. Our priority is our Firth community, our students, staff and whanau. In order for this to happen we need you to work with us together to ensure we stay safe. We have the following guidelines in place. Please read these carefully, so you are informed of what you need to do to play your part in making sure we build our Firth Community as safely as possible.

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 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**

We know that this may cause some frustration however please be patient and let's work together to make our back to school as smooth as possible for our students and whaanau.

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, please do not hesitate to email me on principal@firth.school.nz

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

Ngā mihi
Michelle Ryan
Principal