

Plan for Term 2 in Orange setting

Welcome back whānau and ākonga! We hope you have had some lovely time together and that you are healthy and well. As you are aware, we are currently at the orange setting of the COVID-19 protection framework. Our organisation and planning for the term remains based on public health advice and guidelines. We are mindful that many of our school community have been badly affected by COVID and we will continue to place the health, safety and wellbeing of our community at the forefront of all of our decisions. From what we know, One third of our students and staff have had COVID. With this in mind, here is the plan for the start of Term 2 under the orange setting:

Drop off and pick up

We will continue to have staff at the gates each morning.

The bell will go at 8.30am to indicate students are able to enter the school grounds.

The three entrances to the school will be the same as last term: Veranda Classes - Rooms 1-5 Louisson Place gate, Rooms 9-14 (Years 3-6) Ford Rd gates, and Rooms 17-19 (Years 7/8) Newbery St pedestrian gate.

Entry for those who have siblings will be through the gate designated for the ELDEST child. If there is a gate that is more convenient to you, please feel free to use this.

Any students on bikes, please use the vehicle entrance on Newbery St.

Whānau are welcome to come onsite in the morning and drop children outside their classrooms - please wear a mask if you choose to come onsite and maintain a physical distance of at least 1.5m. We ask that you please do not enter classrooms and cloak bays at this time, and remain outside learning spaces.

Staff will continue to bring classes out to their designated gate at 3pm to meet whānau.

Masks

All of our staff will continue to wear masks when indoors at school. We will be strongly encouraging all of our Year 4 students and above to wear masks indoors AND we strongly encourage all whānau to wear masks if coming onto our school grounds. Please also maintain physical distancing of at least 1.5m if coming onto our school grounds.

Sickness

Please continue to report positive and household COVID cases by email to office@opawa.school.nz and your child's class teacher. Isolation rules remain the same.

As always, we encourage you to continue to maintain good hygiene and stay home if you are sick. Children who are symptomatic, with any illness while at school will be sent home, however siblings who are not symptomatic can remain at school. Please report other absences in the usual way.

Whānau visiting school

If you need to come into school during the school day, please wear a mask, report to the office and Lisa, Sam or Leeanne will assist you. Please do not go directly to classrooms, learning spaces or cloak bays.

Ventilation

We will continue to ventilate all indoor spaces, but as we approach the cooler months, please ensure your child brings their polar fleece (or Senior Jacket) every day. Please know that we have a plan for wet / inclement (cold) days.

Please also send a water bottle every day with your child. Once we get into this term, more information about school-wide events will be shared with you.

See you on Monday!

Ngà mihi,

Sally and the Team at Te Kura o Ōpāwaho / Opawa School