

# Te Kura Māori o Porirua

*He Kura te tangata*

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E te whānau, tēnā koutou

Yesterday afternoon the Prime Minister announced that we will move from Alert Level 3 to Alert Level 2 on Thursday this week. **This means that Te Kura Māori o Porirua will re-open on Monday, 18 May.**

It also means that the **kura will be closed this Thursday and Friday** to allow kaimahi to return to kura and prepare our kura for our tamariki and taiohi.

The ultimate decision to send your child to kura rests with parents and caregivers but we are confident that we can provide an environment that complies with all of the Ministry of Education guidelines to keep your child safe.

## Kaitiakitanga

However, it is important that we all consider what our kura mātāpono kaitiakitanga means for us all. Kaitiakitanga talks about responsibility, this is not just the kura as kaitiaki but as us all sharing in being responsible and sharing in guardianship for ourselves and our tamariki. As we move to Alert Level 2 we all need to accept personal and shared responsibilities kaimahi, tamariki, taiohi and whānau whānui have to ensure we know and understand what is required of us. Whānau, this is not a return to 'business as usual', rather it is the beginning of a new normal. We expand our bubbles, we return to kura – but we do so in a considered and safe way.

## Manaakitanga

For our kura our shared responsibility is about manaakitanga. What does this look like?

Some key guidance is provided by the Ministry of Education below.

- Tamariki and taiohi who are vulnerable should stay home.
- Keep sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school, they will be sent home.
- Tamariki, taiohi and kaimahi should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.

- They should also maintain good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1m should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- A hand washing centre and/or hand sanitising station will be established and maintained in every classroom.
- We all need to ensure that children and young people regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Our kura buses will start their runs on Monday.
- Tamariki should not be at kura before 8.20 am.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practices should be observed after playing with equipment.
- Surfaces will be disinfected and cleaned throughout the day in addition to the regular, daily cleaning that occurs.
- Contact tracing registers will be set up to identify which children and adults are on site, in each teaching space. This includes recording visitors to the site, including parents.

## Kura Devices

It would be really helpful if whānau who are able to return kura ipads, charger cords etc on either Thursday or Friday between 10.00 and 2.30. This will enable kaiako to clean and prepare them for use in the classrooms on Monday. Books, pens and pencils issued in the take home packs can stay at home.

There will be more information issued on Friday explaining exactly what a return to kura will look like for us.

Nāku me ngā mihi

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