

16th November 2021

Move to Alert Level 2

Kia ora whanau,

Yesterday it was announced that the Waikato is **moving to Alert Level 2 from midnight tonight**. I am sure that it is a welcome relief for many of you, and makes our procedures on how we manage the Alert Level guidelines a lot easier to negotiate.

We are really looking forward to **welcoming everyone back onsite tomorrow morning**.

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission and it provides us with a lot more opportunities to engage and connect with others. However, there are still a number of public health requirements we all need to follow. Please continue to monitor your health and do not send your children to school if they are not well (and please seek advice about getting a COVID test).

For us, all the required safety precautions for Alert Level 2 will be in place which include following all the recommendations from the public health experts. This means we will regularly clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces, encourage everyone to frequently wash their hands and cough and sneeze into their elbow.

While physical distancing is not a requirement in schools, we will be doing our best to keep students from congregating in very large numbers and keeping spaces well-ventilated.

Face coverings are not required to be worn in school. The Director General of Health has recommended that children 12 years+ wear a face covering at school – just as older children are required to wear face coverings in some other places. The decision to wear a face covering is up to you and your whānau, whatever your decision it will be respected.

To find out more about what **Alert Level 2 looks like at Hamilton SDA School**, please refer to our [Covid-19 - Health and Safety Action Plan](#).

As a result of the Public Health Order mandate, our regular bus driver will be unable to drive the bus. For the remainder of Term 4, Mr. Michael Roche has volunteered to drive the school bus and we will only be running the Hamilton Bus service. We are very grateful to Mr. Michael Roche for his willingness to serve our school in this manner.

Before and After School care will resume from Wednesday, if you require this service, please complete an [online form](#) on our school website or email office@hamsda.school.nz.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if there is something you need assistance with. See you tomorrow!

Ngā mihi
Shaun Hurlow