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Mission Statement

To be a happy school, where we all work together, to ensure learning is fun, and each child achieves to their personal best.

A letter for visiting schools,

10 September 2021

To Principals,

Once again, we find ourselves at level 2, for a short time we all hope.

Unfortunately, this new Delta variant of the Covid 19 virus is unpredictable, so at this stage we can only hope for a positive outcome and a return to normality as soon as possible.

Keeping all children safe is paramount. For some parents with children attending our Kura for Technology, there may be feelings of apprehension, uncertainty and doubt as to whether they want their children to travel on a bus, visit our school or attend Food Technology classes.

It is our intention to endeavor to keep all students in our Kura and those attending Technology classes as safe as possible. The Ministry's hygiene recommendations will be in place.

- They will have their own designated interval and lunch breaks.
- Sanitizing hands will be compulsory after hanging up bags and before entering the rooms.
- Washing hands with anti-bacterial soap, will be compulsory after entering the room and before sitting. This process will be adhered to after all breaks and after visiting the toilet.
- Tables, stools, doorknobs, drill presses etc. will be sanitized at the end of each day.
- Unfortunately, because of the nature of our subjects and the way our rooms are set up, it is impossible to ensure that students are able to be 1 metre apart. Especially those schools with big numbers.
- For those schools who share the day with another school, it is up to you to decide if you wish to continue with this arrangement or attend on alternate weeks.
- Students are to have their own pencils / pens, rubbers etc. Those attending Food Technology may wish to have their own eating utensils from home.
No sharing
- Students may wear a mask if they wish.

As you will be aware, the following is part of the documentation sent out by the Ministry of Education.

Ministry Of Education Advice:

Can we run food technology classes at Alert Level 2?

These classes are able to go ahead with appropriate food safety practices in place, coupled with adherence to the public health measures required for schools including hand hygiene, staying away if sick, cough/sneeze etiquette and physical distancing (not touching and having some breathing room). Where possible, a one-metre distance is recommended particularly for adults. A reminder that you can share equipment at Alert Level 2 but it should be regularly cleaned (daily as per above is fine).

In these circumstances, where the appropriate food handling and other health measures have been followed, students will be able to eat the food they have made. However, this should be served as individual portions rather than sharing off a communal dish for example. Students and staff should use their own cutlery, crockery or drink container.

Unfortunately, we will not always be able to adhere to what is highlighted in the statement above as the room is simply not resourced to cater for big numbers working on some tasks at an independent level.

With most activities, students will be working with a partner to produce a food product.

Strict eating protocol will be observed.

Knowing what the restrictions are, I will leave it to individual schools to decide whether they still want their students to attend our classes while we are at Level 2.

If Tamariki are sick or if they are displaying any flu like symptoms, they must stay home. It will not be acceptable to send them to Technology sick.

If you have any questions please contact the school or myself at

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