



Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono

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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

As we are now in Level 2 the government identifies that we have increased risk levels due to community transmission with COVID-19. We need to be vigilant to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all students and staff.

Students who are unwell must stay at home

Because of the high risk level to students and staff if there was to be a case of COVID-19 within Ferndale School the Board and the School Leadership have decided that students who are unwell must be kept at home.

Students with COVID-19 symptoms

If a child/young person becomes unwell at school, the child/young person will need to be uplifted immediately. If the child/young person has flu or cold like symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, headache and fever the Board and School Leadership will require that the child/young person either undergo a COVID-19 assessment and provide a negative result on this assessment or get a medical certificate stating that they are well and can attend school before they can return to schooling on site. If a child/young person gets a positive result on a COVID -19 assessment they will be unable to return to schooling on site until they have a negative assessment for COVID-19.

If a person is tested for COVID-19 in a student's home

If a person in a Ferndale student's home needs to undergo a test for COVID-19 the Board and School Leadership require that the child/young person is kept home until a negative result from the COVID-19 test is received. If a positive result is received the child/young person will be unable to return to schooling on site until the person within their home receives a negative assessment for COVID-19.

Other illness

Should a child/young person have any other illness the Board and School Leadership will follow the Infectious Diseases Chart to identify the length of time a student will need to be away from school while they recover from their illness.

It is critical that we keep all students and staff safe during COVID-19 Level 2. The Board and Staff of Ferndale School appreciate your support and understanding.

Ngā mihi

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