



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the 2022 school year! We hope you have had a break and managed some time to rest and prepare yourselves for the year ahead.

As you will be aware the country moved to the red setting within the Covid Protection Framework (CPF) on the 23rd January meaning that when the children return to school we will have to operate under specific educational red settings. Please note that these are different from the settings we had at the end of last year as all Auckland schools stayed at alert level 3.2 while the rest of the community moved to the red setting in December 2021. Every decision we have made around our red setting procedures has the children's safety at the forefront and follows advice from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health. We thank you in advance for working alongside us as we navigate these new requirements.

Please read the following carefully so that you are aware of what is required of you and your children as we return to school.

1. Teachers will be contacting you soon regarding making an appointment for a meeting on either the 3rd or 4th February. For these meetings please:
 - a. Be on time
 - b. Wear a face covering
 - c. Wait outside until the teacher invites you in (we are sanitising the space after each meeting)
 - d. Scan in using the covid tracer app
 - e. Use the hand sanitiser provided on entering the room.
 - f. If you are early please wait outside the room, out in the open i.e. not on the decks or under the covered walkways
 - g. Only your family will be allowed inside the classroom with the teacher at any one time
 - h. Classes will be disinfected between meetings
 - i. We respectfully ask that any preschoolers are kept under your control and not left to touch equipment or resources in classrooms.
 - j. Once your meeting has finished please leave the school grounds.
 - k. If you are meeting virtually just a. applies.
2. All learners start on Tuesday 8th February at 9am. The children should be in their full school uniform. They will be required to bring a refillable drink bottle as our fountains are currently turned off during the red setting of the CPF. They must also wear a hat and have sunscreen as they will be outside under the shade as much as is practicable for their learning. This term we have made the decision that the children can wear ANY hat, it does not need to be the Bayview School uniform hat.
3. The children will be asked to maintain a 1m distance as much as practicable when they are inside.

4. All learners in Year 4 and up must wear a face covering whilst inside their classroom. Year 3 children in a Year 3 / 4 composite class must also wear a face covering. Please note this has been mandated by the government and is not a 'Bayview' thing. You will require an official exemption from your doctor if you do not want your child to wear a mask.
5. If your child is unwell or someone in your household is unwell or awaiting covid test results please keep your child at home until you have the all clear.
6. We are respectfully asking that parents drop/pick up their children at the gate. The gates will have a staff member there to assist you should it be required. Year 1 learners will receive specific instructions from the class teacher during your whanau map meeting (3rd/4th Feb). Teachers will take their students to an area outside e.g. on the bank by the carpark, grass area outside H16/H17 ready to be picked up from 2:50. Any remaining children will be released at 3pm to their gate or place that they are picked up from e.g. the fales.
7. Morning tea and lunch times will be staggered to minimise congestion.
8. You will be able to use kindo (ezlunch) to purchase lunches for your child should you wish.
9. If at any time you must come onsite please wear a face covering, scan in using the covid tracer app, use the hand sanitiser provided.
10. Please note that we ask that you do not enter classrooms at any time unless you have a pre booked appointment.
11. We will not be holding any assemblies or large gatherings whilst in the red setting.
12. Unfortunately this means our trip to Long Bay for our annual picnic will be cancelled.
13. Please help us by going over the following with your children before they return/start school:
 - a. Wearing a face covering properly (Y3/4-6)
 - b. Using the hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
 - c. Washing their hands thoroughly before eating
 - d. Maintaining a 1m distance with peers (we know this is hard!)
 - e. Reapplying sunscreen throughout the day. Each class has a bottle or you are welcome to provide your own.
 - f. Knowing which entrance they will be picked up from at the end of the day. We suggest you come up and show them the entrance on a weekend or before school starts.
 - g. Here is a link that might be useful to look through before returning to school [Essential information for parents](#)
14. Please note at this stage we are not required to know whether your child has been vaccinated against covid-19. If you would like to share this with your child's class teacher feel free to do so but we will not ask. It is your decision as to whether your child gets vaccinated or not.
15. We will only provide online learning for learners who are self isolating or who have complex health needs and have an exemption from attending school.
16. If you need to pick your child up early from school please make these arrangements via the office (094442222) not through Seesaw.
17. If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please phone the office to let them know or fill in the absence form on our website. Please do not let the teacher know through Seesaw.

18. We will not ask you for your vaccination status unless you volunteer to support the school as per the list below. We will need to sight your vaccine pass should you wish to volunteer.

Unvaccinated parents can:

- Drop/pick up their children at school
- Attend whanau map meetings
- Attend any curriculum based activities onsite
- Attend feedback meetings by appointment only

Vaccinated parents can: (vaccine passes required)

- Drop/pick up their children at school
- Attend whanau map meetings
- Attend any curriculum based activities onsite and offsite where children are in attendance
- Attend feedback meetings by appointment only
- Be helpers on school trips
- Coach sports teams
- Help in school with resources or tasks requiring volunteers.
- Support any fundraising efforts as volunteers when we are able to hold these.
- Support children with their learning onsite.
- Be patrol supervisors.
- Be walking school bus drivers.
- Help with school productions/performances
- Help with inter school sports events

These are different times with different conditions but by working together we can keep all of our children and ourselves safe. Please reach out if you require support or have any questions or queries.

Ngā mihi nui

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