

**St Mary's Catholic School, Hastings.**

## **COVID 19 LOCKDOWN UPDATE ALERT LEVEL 3**

Friday 3 September 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Thank you to those families who have indicated that their child/children will be returning for the week **Monday 6 September to Friday 10 September** where we will continue to be working in ALERT LEVEL 3 conditions.

**The expectation of the Ministries of Health and Education is that at ALERT LEVEL 3 children should remain at home if there is a parent or caregiver to look after them and that they continue with their Online Learning Programmes.**

Your child's teacher will continue to send home to you next week your child's/children's Home Learning Programme.

**St Mary's Catholic School will be operating under ALERT LEVEL 3 conditions when school opens again on Monday. Our day to day operations must ensure that all times the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is paramount.**

### Entry and exit to school

-The school gate will be open for students between 8.30am and 8.50am (no earlier) NO parents/caregivers or other adults will be permitted to enter the school site (past the entry gate) This ensures the safety of our 'school bubble'. Students are to be collected at 2.45pm.

-We ask that you bring your child/children to school, practising SOCIAL DISTANCING (2 metres apart from others) and leave your child at the gate for them to make their own way to class. At home time as you wait outside the gate for your child to exit, please practise SOCIAL DISTANCING. It is very important that we model correct 'safety behaviours' for our students.

-Students must bring a named drink bottle, packed morning tea and lunch and their device to school - no other personal possessions.

-Should students be bringing their Chrome/Laptop to school, it must be hygienically wiped down each day before entering school. Students will wipe down their devices before taking them home.

-Any student that has or develops an illness, MUST NOT attend school. We ask that you discuss and practise 'correct coughing and sneezing techniques' with your children. Students who become unwell at school will be sent home immediately.

-All siblings from one family will be in the same bubble.

-Bubbles are grouped generally into junior/middle and senior school students (this will be dependent on student numbers) Bubbles will not mix.

-There will be strict hygiene and physical distancing that will be adhered to by all attending school. In class, students will sit and work in one space only. Inside the school gates students will practise 1 metre PHYSICAL DISTANCING. Outside the gate students and adults must maintain a 2 metre distance away from anyone else.

-All bathrooms and classrooms have hand sanitizer.

-The school Uniform and Sick Bay areas will not be operating.

-Students will sanitize their hands prior to leaving classrooms at the end of the day.

-Students are not required to wear masks within the school site, however if they wish to do so, they may.

-We ask that you limit any visits to the School Office. Please email/phone in your queries. Should it be necessary to visit the Office, you must wear a mask. No non-essential visitors will be permitted into the school site.

-Teachers will continue to send Home Learning Programmes to ALL students. This means that all students who attend school will continue to participate in their own online Home Learning Programme supervised by teachers and Learning Assistants. Students working at home will NOT BE disadvantaged by not being at school. Home Learning will continue to be sent to you by your child's teacher.

Our staff at St Mary's will do their utmost to ensure the safety of students during COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 3, however we cannot guarantee that students will have absolutely no physical contact with others during the day or not be coughed/sneezed over.

Enjoy the weekend with your family.

Kind regards  
Liz Crowley and Staff

## Everyone aged 12 years and over can now be vaccinated

Everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand aged 12 years and over can now book their free COVID-19 vaccination.

- The Ministry of Health advises that two doses of the Pfizer vaccine are necessary to protect each other, our whānau and our community against the Delta variant of the virus.
- Reservations can be made through [bookmyvaccine.nz](https://bookmyvaccine.nz) – when booking appointments remember to stay local and book as close to home as possible.
- If you have questions or need help booking, call the COVID Vaccination Healthline 0800 28 29 26.
- It may be able to book directly at your local general practice, community pharmacy or hauora provider. For more information visit [Healthpoint](#) or [Karawhiua](#).

