

TGS: Level 1 Update

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Level 1 - Updates to Procedures at TGS

As you will know, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 1 at 11.59pm, tonight, Monday 8th June.

Our top priority continues to be the wellbeing of all students. Our students are very settled and we are mindful of the many changes they have had to navigate over the past several months. We have reviewed our current protocols and will relax some, while keeping in place others which are working well.

Please see the updates below for specific changes, which take effect tomorrow, Tuesday 9th June.

Pick Up Procedures:

Year 0-3 students will still be collected from outside Arua Park, from 2pm onwards. We ask that you continue to wait outside the fenced area, as it makes it much easier for us to see you as you arrive and send your children out to you. *Please note, there is no requirement to collect your junior children earlier than 2.50pm, however we know this has suited a large number of our families and has certainly eased congestion at home-time.*

We will still call for older siblings if you wish to collect them early. We are looking at adapting this for Term 3 and will update you accordingly.

Year 4-8 students will continue to be dismissed at 2.50pm as usual, however you may wish to change your meeting place with them, as there are no longer restrictions about parents entering the school grounds.

Drop Off Procedures:

Parents are welcome to walk their children to their usual entry doors, as we did prior to lockdown.

Our Friday drop-in mornings begin again this week - Friday 12th June, from 8.20am - 8.50am

Changes to bag storage:

Pukeko students (Year 2/3), will return to using the bag huts for bag storage. Teachers will be on hand in the morning to direct them to where to go.

Hygiene and Sickness:

We will continue to encourage the use of hand-sanitiser, hand-washing and personal hygiene, as these are good habits to maintain, regardless of the Alert level we are working in.

Should your child be unwell, or showing any signs of sickness, please keep them home and seek appropriate medical advice. Children who are unwell will be sent home.

Parent access to school buildings:

The school office is now open to parents. We have Covid Tracer QR codes on display at reception and ask that parents use

these. Prior to our Friday morning drop-in this week, we will also add the Covid Tracer QR codes to our additional entry points and we ask that parents entering the building for Friday drop-in, please scan in.

Large group events:

All large scale events previously planned for Term 2 remain cancelled, this includes any parent assemblies that were on our calendar. We look forward to Term 3 and getting these up and running again.

Sports Events:

All inter-school sports events have been cancelled for the remainder of Term 2 and will begin again in Term 3. PE continues for all students and our awesome PE teacher Mrs Cosford is excited about a full calendar of sports events for Terms 3 and 4.

School Uniform:

We have taken a relaxed approach to uniform this term, however we will be expecting full, correct school and PE uniforms to be worn by all students from the start of Term 3 and will be contacting parents directly if this is not the case.

Parking and driving around school:

We continue to remind parents that the staff car-park is not to be used and that kids and cars don't mix - please do not park here when dropping off or collecting your children.

We continue to remind our students to use the footpaths around the school when entering and exiting and ask parents to please model this as well.

We would like to thank our parent/caregiver community for your ongoing support throughout Level 2. Our systems have run very smoothly and we appreciate your flexibility and patience with the number of changes and communications we have sent over the last few months.

Stay safe.