



September 2021 - Ashgrove School COVID-19 Alert Level 2 'Delta' Procedure Plan

What will Ashgrove School look like under Delta Alert Level 2?

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The Ashgrove School COVID-19 Alert Level 2 Procedure Plan has been developed with the safety of staff and students in mind. Under Alert Level 2, school will look different and our focus is on managing all areas in our control, as detailed below.

While we know many parents/caregivers will be anxious at this time, we will ensure that school is the safest possible place for children to be outside of family bubbles. We will be following the most up to date advice from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health at all times.

Please see more detailed information about mask wearing here - <https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/face-coverings/>

Learning Spaces	Adults Onsite	Events and Activities
<p>The wearing of masks is optional.</p> <p>Under Alert Level 2 hand sanitiser will be provided in every learning space. Hand sanitiser stations will be set up at the designated entry and exit points of each learning space and students and staff will use this hand sanitiser as they enter the buildings each time. Students will wash their hands before leaving the learning space, supervised by staff.</p> <p>Additional disinfectant and cloths will be available in learning spaces for children and teachers to sanitise spaces throughout the school day as required. Door handles in particular, although doors will be wedged open where practicable.</p> <p>BYOD is strongly encouraged for Years 5-8 where possible. School devices will be cleaned at the end of each day.</p> <p>Staff will ensure students are made aware of the hygiene protocols for Covid-19. (Regular hand washing and sanitising etc.) Every effort is to be made to ensure students frequently practice safe hygiene methods.</p>	<p>Under Alert Level 2, our preference is for parents/caregivers to not come onsite where possible. We would like to limit all extra people onsite.</p> <p>It is our preference that parents/caregivers do not enter learning spaces unless prearranged with the teacher. Should parents/caregivers require a conversation with the teacher, please use email.</p> <p>If a parent/caregiver is required to come onsite, they must sign in on the COVID tracer app or sign the tracing register at the office. This is a requirement from the Ministry of Health for possible contact tracing in the unlikely event of a COVID-19 virus notification.</p> <p>If a parent/caregiver is required to come onsite they are encouraged to wear a mask but this is not mandatory. For parents who must come on site, 2 metre physical distancing from students and staff is required.</p> <p>Parents/caregivers are asked to 'pick up' their children at the two main entrances; Seddon Street and Kingsbury Ave, off Ashgrove Park.</p> <p>Pihinga teachers will bring students to the school field gate at 2.55pm to meet parents/caregivers. Older siblings are still encouraged to meet their younger siblings and walk to the gates. Families are encouraged to organise a 'pick up plan' with their children.</p> <p>Parents/caregivers of Pihinga students are able to enter the school grounds at the three main entrances to drop off their children outside of Pihinga classrooms. Parents/caregivers will need to sign in using the COVID tracer app or sign the tracing register at the office.</p> <p>The drop off zone will be open from 8:30am-8:50am for students who can exit the vehicle independently. Students will not be allowed to enter the school grounds before 8:30am.</p>	<p>Under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order, Ashgrove students and staff are exempt from physical distancing requirements when they are receiving, providing, or supporting education services.</p> <p>When our school comes together, such as at assemblies, sports and cultural events, they will take place in well-ventilated areas or outdoors. At Level 2, parents/caregivers are not permitted to attend indoor events (including assemblies) as the 2m physical distancing requirements cannot be met.</p> <p>North Canterbury Sport Coaching, Year 7 Technology at Te Matauru, Turepo ski trip and camp will continue under Alert Level 2.</p> <p>Pihinga and Tipu swimming at Dudley Pool is on hold until Swimming NZ confirm their decisions and Level 2 protocols.</p> <p>While Inter-school activities and field trips are allowable under Level 2, any such events will be carefully considered with full risk assessments including COVID-19 considerations before approval is given.</p> <p>KidsBase before and after school care will be operating as usual with their own Health and Safety protocols in place.</p>
Cleaning and Hygiene	In the Playground	Managing Attendance
<p>The toilets will be sanitised during the day. Students and staff will need to wash their hands, use hand sanitiser after visiting toilets and again upon returning to the learning space.</p> <p>Crest Clean Cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with the Ministry of Health guidelines.</p>	<p>Students can bring their own scooters and bikes to school.</p> <p>Drinking fountains will remain turned off. Students will need a named drink bottle at school.</p>	<p>Students and staff need to stay home if they are sick. They will be sent home immediately if they show any symptoms.</p> <p>Students or staff showing COVID symptoms are recommended to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines in regard to testing and self-isolating.</p>

Under Alert Level 2 we will continue to model good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing for at least 20 seconds and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces and equipment.

Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice will be observed before and after playing with equipment.

The office will only be open for essential business only. Parents/caregivers are asked to use the Ashgrove School App or to text the school phone to report absences.

Students can use sports equipment and children from different hubs can play together. Hand washing/sanitiser will be used before and after each break.

Our contact tracing is a combination of timetable, attendance register and COVID-19 tracer app and visitor register. These provide good information to health authorities if they need to contact people that might be considered a close contact of a confirmed case, and determine whether they will need to self-isolate.

This includes recording who the adults on-site are in close contact with as well as recording any visitors to the site, including parents/caregivers.

