



Growing Together For Success

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Tēnā koutou Ashgrove whānau,

Ashgrove at RED Phase 2 - Important Information

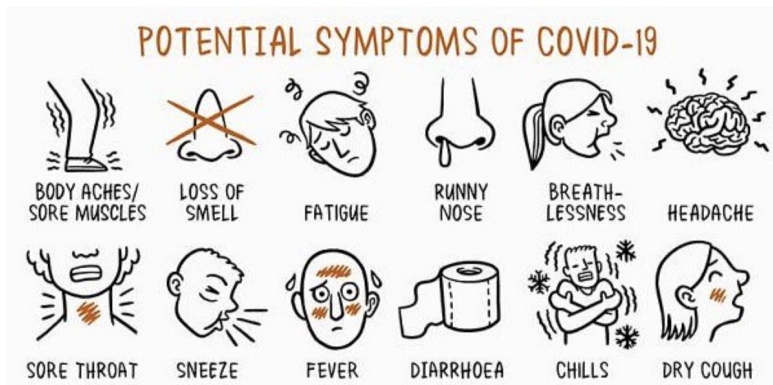
As COVID has arrived in North Canterbury and has already been identified in some local schools, we would like to reassure you that we are following the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines very closely and doing everything we can to mitigate and reduce the risk of COVID spreading within our school.

We are continuing to focus on the health and wellbeing of our tamariki, kaiako and whānau by:

- All Year 4-8 tamariki and kaiako wearing masks inside
- Giving students regular mask breaks with fitness
- Tamariki working within their own ngāhere/ homeroom as much as possible
- Harnessing open air learning outside as much as possible
- Ventilating classroom spaces with natural air
- Having split break times to reduce the number of tamariki in the playground and ensuring teams do not cross over
- Regular sanitising and cleaning of surfaces
- Maintaining physical distancing where practicable
- Limiting non-essential visitors onsite
- Kaiako working in their own hubs only and have separate areas for taking eating and drinking breaks

We know it is not easy and some tamariki and whānau are feeling anxious as COVID spreads within our community. To help us keep all of our tamariki and kaiako as safe as possible at school we ask that parents/caregivers please:

- Keep your child home if they are unwell and notify the school of their absence
- Be vigilant with COVID symptoms and keep your child home if they are showing symptoms, seek medical advice and notify the school of their absence



- Inform the school **immediately** if your child tests positive (leon@ashgrove.school.nz or 3138552) and follow medical advice and isolation requirement
- Inform the school if you, your child or a household member is a close contact and complete isolation requirements
- Continue to remain offsite
 - Please only come onsite for a valid reason and scan in using the COVID app and wear a mask
 - Please do not enter any of our learning spaces
- Ring the office and **only come in** if you cannot complete the task over the phone
- Ring ahead to the office if you are collecting your child early and wait at the office door for them. Our office staff will sign your child out

As part of our COVID response plan, we are working with the Ministry of Education and following all systems to manage risk. Should we receive notification of a student testing positive within our school, we will work closely alongside the Ministry of Education to identify close contacts and notify affected parties immediately with a detailed letter informing you of steps you need to take. Please be assured this process is thorough and is completed to minimise risk, stop the spread of COVID in our school and enable us to safely operate as usual, and allow parents to continue working.

Please find a **flowchart attached** outlining steps to take if your child or someone in your household is feeling unwell, tests positive or is a close or casual contact. We ask that you take the time to read this and become familiar with it.

Thank you for working alongside and supporting us as we navigate these uncertain times. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact with me, leon@ashgrove.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui



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