



ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Ashgrove Whānau,

Important Updates to 'Phase 3 - RED' at Ashgrove

Firstly, we sincerely appreciate all of your ongoing and continued support as we navigate these ever changing times. As a school community we are lucky to have the support of one another, and as a school we appreciate the trust you have in us to keep all of our tamariki and staff as safe as we can.

It's great for a child's wellbeing and learning to be at school with their friends and school staff. As we move into 'Phase 3 RED', I can assure you that we will be continuing all of our robust health and safety measures at school, to mitigate and reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading at our kura. This includes all students in Years 4-8 wearing masks and please, no parents / caregivers on site.

Your job remains the same too: please continue to keep a really close watch of your whānau for anyone with symptoms. If unwell, please keep your child at home and notify the office of your child's absence.

With Phase 3 of the Omicron response, the key change is that it is only confirmed cases and their household contacts who need to self-isolate. Everyone else, including those who may have had close contact with the case but aren't in the household, must continue to monitor very closely for any symptoms of COVID-19. Attached to this communication is our UPDATED DETAILED FLOW CHART to make it easy for you to see the steps you need to take.

Rapid antigen tests (RATs) are now being used to diagnose COVID-19 as well as PCR tests. This means that you will get an almost immediate test result back if a RAT is used.

If anyone in your family is confirmed as having COVID-19, you will be asked to notify your close contacts yourself. Please get in touch with us as soon as you can on **022 397 2671** if your child or a household member has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please do get in touch. We are here to help.

Aku mihi,

Leon Van't Veen & the Ashgrove Team.