

Return to Alert Level 2

Dear Parents & Caregivers

You will be aware that the country is moving back to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 as from midday Wednesday 12 August. A reminder that under Alert Level 2 it is safe for all students to be onsite (some children vulnerable to illness may choose to remain at home). School will be business as usual and we expect all students to attend as normal unless they are sick/exhibiting new onset or worsening of one or more of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

Should you send your child to school exhibiting these symptoms, we will be contacting you to determine whether or not the child poses a risk to others, it is likely that they will be sent home.

The safety and welfare of our students and staff is paramount. As from today the following will be in place:

- Hand sanitiser will be in every classroom and we will be expecting all students to sanitise and follow protocols that we put in place, just as they have before.
- Reinstatement of contact tracing registers **AT THE GATE**. If you need to come into the school please go directly to the office NOT classrooms.
- Students and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other -
- Regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces

Let's all follow the same basic hygiene measures at home and at school, as these are the best defence against COVID-19 including:

- cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues
- put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds)
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- clean surfaces regularly.

In addition, be mindful of your own movements outside of school, you are encouraged to keep a note/diary as to where you go and who you spend time with outside of school. You are encouraged to use the COVID-19 tracer app where you can.

We will of course keep you updated as more information becomes available,

Yours faithfully
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