



# UPPER HUTT SCHOOL

Kia tupu ai ēnei kākano hei rakau nui  
May these tender seedlings grow into mighty trees

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Kia ora families,

We are just starting to see a rise in covid cases across the country. I thought it was a good time to send out some information to you about what would happen if there were confirmed cases at Upper Hutt School.

Before I outline that process, I wanted to say thank you to three groups of people!

Firstly thank you to you (families) for all you are doing to help keep our school healthy. I really appreciate how everyone is following the UHS RED plan guidelines which were created to minimise as much risk as possible.

Thank you to the staff who are working so hard to support children with the RED plan and to follow it themselves. The masks have not been easy, but as with everything at UHS - staff give 110%.

Lastly I want to say thank the children, who have been amazing at following the guidelines, sticking to their bubbles, keeping calm and learning stuff!

I just wanted to give you a little more information about the process the school will work through if there is a suspected or confirmed Covid case at school:

- Principal receives information that a school student or staff member 'may' have covid
- Principal will immediately check with/ get clarification from Public Health Unit (PHU) who will provide key information to the school (confirmation)
- Confirm positive case was infectious while at school
- The school will immediately collate information regarding child's activity/ movement at school (where the child was, what they were doing and identify close/ casual contacts)
- Send information to PHU
- *As a precaution, those who have been in the same classroom/bubble/room as the confirmed case for the previous 48 hours **MAY** be asked to stay away, until PHU has worked through the information and the school has received public health advice*
- *There is no testing requirement at this time for those individuals unless they are feeling unwell and are advised by Healthline or their GP to get tested.*
- Families of close and casual contacts will then be contacted by the school and/ or PHU (email or phone - please make sure we have your up to date information). This will contain information about length of isolation period and testing requirements



- If children are required to stay at home/ isolate, further information about P.R.I.D.E. online learning/ Home learning will be sent to you. Most of you will already have paper home learning packs - for those that haven't - our goal is to get these to you in the next two weeks so everyone has one at home (these were sent out at the end of last year). Within two weeks you will be able to access PRIDE Online learning through our website under the PRIDE Online tab. Please click on your child's class
- Ongoing contact with families about when they can stop self isolating will be provided by PHU
- Child then returns to school

I will update you as I get further key information from the MoE and the MoH. Our focus is on following all guidelines and doing everything we can to help keep our UHS school healthy.

If you would like to discuss any of this further, please get in touch.

I have been very proud of our community over the last two years in our response to this pandemic and I know we will work together in 2022 in the same way.

Take care of yourself and each other,

Ngā mihi nui

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