



# COVID - 19 PARENT INFORMATION UPDATE 4

## **SCHOOL IS OPEN TOMORROW**

You will hopefully have seen the new ALERT SYSTEM that was announced on Saturday to help guide us in what needs to change depending on the changes of infection rates across the country. We are currently at **ALERT LEVEL 2** which means our school can remain open. We will continue to take additional precautions throughout the day to reduce the risks wherever possible.

### **ALERT LEVEL TWO: REDUCE**

#### **Contained but risk of community transmission growing**

- Entry border measures maximised
- Further restrictions on mass gatherings
- Physical distancing on public transport
- Limit non-essential travel around country
- Employer to begin alternative ways of working if possible (shift work, working from home etc)
- Business contingency plans activated
- High risk people to remain at home (over 70s, people with existing conditions)

*If your child has a medical condition of relevance recorded on their school documentation you would have been contacted today to discuss your child's attendance this week.*

*A number of you have contacted to say your children will not be at school for various reasons and we want to reassure parents that we understand all families need to make decisions at the moment that make them feel most comfortable. We will NOT be following up attendance rates for the remainder of this term.*

**Please DO NOT send your children to school if they are sick!**

*Our staff are working hard to prepare work for students who are at home and for all students should we end up closing completely. You will receive a brief survey tomorrow to help us identify which families we are preparing online learning for and which families will need hard copy learning programmes. The more families that complete this the easier it will be on staff to plan for your children's learning programme. Please be patient with us while we get these systems established.*

*As you will be aware the situation continues to develop and change rapidly. I encourage you to keep yourself regularly informed using the Ministry of Health Website.*

Take care,

Janeane Reid