



Dear Parents

No doubt you will be aware of today's announcement by the Prime Minister that schools are opening at Delta Level 2 this **Thursday**, 9 September. School will start at the regular time of 8:55am.

This email outlines what Level 2 means for us and what precautions we need to take. I expect further information will be provided by the Ministry of Education later tonight or tomorrow morning. Please be aware that this situation can change quickly and as such guidelines and expectations may change during the day.

Hygiene and Cleaning

- Hand Washing protocols come back into effect for eating. That is children to wash/dry and sanitise hands:
 - after playing outside/before and after eating
 - any other time deemed necessary.
- Additional disinfectant and cloths will be provided to classrooms to sanitise spaces throughout the school day as required.
- Cleaners will complete daily cleans in line with the Ministry of Health guidelines.

Sick Children or Staff

- Students and staff are not to attend school if they are unwell.
- Students and staff who become unwell during the school day will be sent home.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is a critical component during Alert Level 2.

- Children – Attendance registers fulfill this requirement.
- Parents – Please use the NZ COVID Tracer App. QR Codes are available on the fences at our two entrances as well as on buildings closest to our two entrances.
 - Did you know that you can save locations you visit frequently in the NZ COVID Tracer App?
 - Also, if you go to the manual entry area of the App, 'recent locations' show. This may be faster than scanning our QR Codes.
- Buildings – *we would prefer parents do not enter any classrooms or buildings, including the office during Level 2. Please call (03 348 7492) or email with any queries.*

When on site please remember physical distancing and stay at least 2 metres from other parents, staff and students. If you wish to talk to your child's teacher, we request that you communicate by email at first instance.

What school will look like for children.

Arrival – School starts at 8:55am

- Children can play before school starts - 8:30-8:55am
- Road Patrol on Ilam Road will be operated as per normal. (Children on Road Patrol are encouraged to wear masks for this duty.)

Classrooms & Teaching Programmes

- Children seated far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on (moist breath zone) or touching each other.
- Outside music, maths, science and writing tutors will continue to work with individuals and small groups.

Playground

- Break and lunchtime will remain almost as normal except that children will eat, supervised by their teacher, in their classrooms.
- As they have been all year, drinking fountains will remain turned off. Students will continue to need a named drink bottle at school. These can be filled in classrooms.

Movement In and Out of school

We are limiting all non-essential curriculum activity both in and outside of school.

- School/Team assemblies/gatherings are postponed until further notice.
- No large school gatherings involving parent spectators.
- No class trips or excursions outside of the school.

Leaving – School finishes at 3:00pm

- We ask that children DO NOT play at school after 3:00pm.
- Our Road Patrol on Ilam Road will operate as per normal between 3:00 and 3:15pm. (Children on Road Patrol are encouraged to wear masks for this duty.)
- Ilam OSCAR will operate as per normal.

Please keep your children at home if they are feeling unwell. In these instances please call (03) 348 7492, email admin@ilam.school.nz or fill in the [form](#) on our website. Please advise us ASAP if at any stage you think you, or any member of your family may have, or may have been exposed to someone, with COVID-19.

At the time of writing, I am yet to hear from the Ministry of Education as to updated Guidelines for Delta Level 2. Please be aware that for a number of reasons the information outlined above may need to change at short notice. I will update you if this occurs.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate our way through this period.

Noho ora mai (All the best)



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