

## 2 March 2022 Term 1 Week 5

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

As with every school in Tauranga, positive Covid cases have finally presented at Tutarawananga Merivale School this week. Therefore we are wanting all systems and procedures followed correctly to ensure the health and safety of all.

**Covid Cases.** As per guidelines, we must report all known cases to the Ministry of Education. We wish to assure whanau that all information remains **strictly confidential**. The purpose of reporting is purely for statistical data only.

**Monitoring & Isolation.** New rules have been sent out by the Ministry of Education regarding monitoring and isolation this week. Basically if your child or a household member tests positive for Covid 19, all household members must isolate for 10 days. We have also sent out on our website and Facebook page a guide for parents and caregivers of what to do should your child become a positive case or be exposed to one.

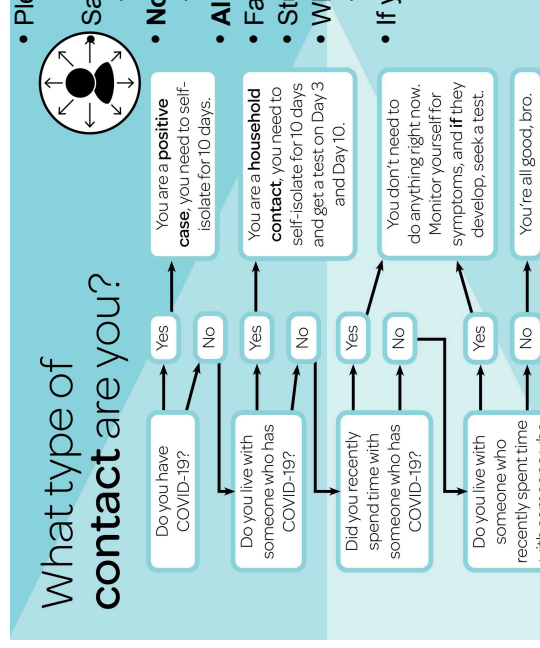
Please read through these carefully as they will give advice on whether your child should attend school or not. These can be activated through the following:

**Merivale School website -**  
<https://www.merivale.school.nz/>

**Merivale School Facebook page -**  
<https://www.facebook.com/merivaleschool/>

**Red Light Rules.** These are in place to protect us and have been directed by the Ministry of Education. As a government organisation, Merivale School must follow the rules so please do not be offended if asked to abide them. They are as follows:

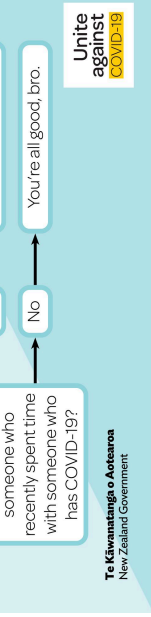
- Please keep children at home if they are unwell. If they arrive at school unwell we will be contacting caregivers to collect them.
- Safe hygiene practices must be followed when at school - washing hands regularly, using sanitiser on entry to the school and classes, coughing etiquette and distancing when possible.
- **No one is permitted on to school grounds** with the exception of students and staff OR at the discretion of the Principal.
- **All visitors**, including parents, caregivers and whanau, must check in on arrival.
- Face masks are to be worn by **all visitors**.
- Students and staff **may** choose to wear masks when outdoors.
- When dropping off or collecting children, parents and caregivers must wait in vehicles or if on foot, waiting at the front entry of the school **maintaining a safe distance from others AND wearing masks**.
- If you have any concerns in regard to a child's return, we encourage contact with the office



**SENCO Support.** Whaea Heather is currently on medical leave, recovering from knee surgery. For any concerns regarding your child, please contact the office.

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**Nga Hau E Wha Staff PLD.** Next **Friday 11 March**, Nga Hau E Wha will be closed for instruction due to professional learning development that will see all NHEW staff travel to Huntly. The purpose of the PLD trip is for NHEW staff and members of the Board to view the new Rumaki classrooms being built for our kura. Please make alternative arrangements at home for your NHEW child on that day. School will still be



open as normal for all other students.

Be safe. Be kind. We got this whanau.

Mauriora!  
Matua Tom



## House Captains 2022