

Newsletter – Covid Update, 8 February.



Dear Parents and Caregivers

This is a special communication to inform you of how Covid has been affecting our school community.

We have several school families where adults have been “close contacts” with someone with the virus and have had to self-isolate and be tested. We appreciate these families informing the school. The children in such families are therefore deemed “casual contacts”. They do not have to be tested and do not need to isolate. They are welcome to continue coming to school, unless they develop symptoms and then need to be tested.

Over the weekend, the District Health Board informed the school that a person with Covid was at the OSCAR programme on Friday 28 January (the last day of the holiday programme). The DHB considers the event as very low risk, and most children were considered casual contacts. A small number of children, who were in closer contact with the person, have been identified as possible close contacts, and asked to be tested. All families involved were contacted over the weekend. About half of those tested have already informed the school of their results, and all are negative. OSCAR staff have also been tested and received negative results. Because the exposure was 10 days ago, the potential for the spread of the virus has now passed.

I am grateful for the professional work and guidance of the DHB in handling this. It appears all is well.

Over the coming weeks, we will, no doubt, have further incidents to manage. We will do our best to keep you well informed. Certainly, if your child is involved, we will contact you as quickly as possible.

Please remember: if your child is not well, do NOT send them to school. This is especially important at this time.

I trust that we can all come through this calmly and in good health!

For the Children

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Ken McLeay', is positioned above the printed name.

Ken McLeay
Principal