

COVID Response St Joseph's School

Dear St Joseph's school community

Covid Response Plan

As St Joseph's School prepares for the Omicron variant to arrive we need to look carefully at what our actions may need to look like.

The proposed following actions are designed to keep school open as long as we can. We are here to support you and your families!

As soon as a case is evident here at school we will contact the Ministry of Education and Health and follow their guidelines and may need to close for 48hrs to assess close contacts, tracking and clean the school. You will also be notified, especially close contacts.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
<p>'Business as usual' with the school open and fully staffed.</p>	<p>'Business as usual' and the school open but there is a possibility of less staff and children.</p> <p>Some online / homeschooling starts for students at home due to COVID illness or contact.</p>	<p>'Business as usual' is limited due to cases and absences</p> <p>Online / home education is present</p>
<p>No cases of COVID at school</p>	<p>Identified case at school or close contacts evident.</p>	<p>Multiple cases developing or present</p>
<p>Four teams running with regular school timetables. Teams separated for assemblies and eating.</p> <p>Masks inside for year 4-8 and health requirements being monitored with sanitiser and cleaning.</p>	<p>Four teams running. Teams separated for assemblies and eating.</p> <p>Separate timetables for play eating times</p> <p>Staff in their own teams and no mixing with other staff</p> <p>Masks inside for years 4-8 and health requirements being monitored with sanitiser and cleaning.</p>	<p>2 schools running on same site</p> <p>Family Groupings on the same site (including staff)</p> <p>Separate timetables for play and eating times - no assemblies in teams.</p> <p>Masks inside for years 4-8 and health requirements being monitored with sanitiser and cleaning.</p> <p>This step may also see reduced days of operation with a possibility of 2 days at school and 3 at home.</p>

Our planning will take into account those children who will have to be at school all of the time due to your work commitments.

If we hit Step three then:

“School A” - Will be situated in the “old” part of the school

“School B” - Will be situated in the newest buildings

Staffing for Step 3 - Omicron in the school.

School A – Cath Blacklow	School B – Paula Davies
Families with surnames – A - G	Families with surnames – H - Z
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Entry and exit through main gate● School A bus students front of buses - all bus students with masks for the trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Entry and Exit through gate beside Tui 1● School B students back of school buses - all bus students with masks for the trip
Cath Blacklow / Claire Corbett Lucy Boyle Anna Tonks Cathy Reid / Kate Parkin Steph McCallum Rachel Brown *Louise Hobbs Tina Cox Susan Kinley Islay Swan Mandy Reid Sandra Hurley	Paula Davies / Catherine Rush Ashleigh Scott Janelle McMillan Jess Saunders *Ann Wise Jo Rowlands Mariska Hopkins Rachael Moore Holly Preece Arlene McCrea

If the school had to move to half weeks and a mix of school at home and onsite please consider your situation. Will you be able to manage school at home online or would your child/children need to be at school every day for instruction. We will request this information via Hero when required.

