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Covid 19 Community Update Monday 15 November 2021

Tena Koutou Katoa/ Greetings Everyone,

Thank you everyone who has responded and let us know of your intention to either send or not send your child/ren to school part time for the rest of this year. Please contact the office (07 856 5399 or email knighton@kns.ac.nz) if you are not sure which **team** and **days of the week** your child/ren are in. This information was in our update on Friday 12 November.

We have been busy preparing for children to return to school from Wednesday 17th November in a part time capacity. Here are some important points and reminders:

- **We are still in Alert Level 3** so school will operate quite differently to Alert level 2. Social distancing and minimising congestion means that classes of children won't be able to mingle together and break times will be staggered. The children's classroom will effectively become the new bubble.
- The Ministry of Health has stated that adults continue to provide the greater risk for transmission of COVID 19. Because of this, parents, whanau and caregivers will be required to stay off the school site at Alert Level 3, except for emergencies. We also ask that parents and whanau wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up their children from the gates and keep to the social distance 2 metre rule .
- All staff working on site have had at least one dose of the vaccine. This is now a legal requirement as per the Public Health Order.
- **All staff and students in Years 4-6 will be required to wear a mask while indoors.** This is a Health Order requirement. **If students don't wear a mask, they cannot attend school unless they have an exemption.** There's information about how to get an exemption card here: <https://covid19.govt.nz/health-and-wellbeing/protect-yourself-and-others-from-covid-19/wear-a-face-covering/who-does-not-need-to-wear-a-face-covering/>
- **Drop Off Time:** To avoid congestion, we will unlock all gates along Knighton Road, Somme Crescent and Wairere Drive from 8.30am to 9.00am. Children will need to say goodbye to their parents or whanau at the gate and walk straight to their classrooms either on their own or with a sibling. Children will stay in their classrooms until the 8.55am bell and will not be allowed to play outside at this time. This will minimise the risk of children mingling or playing with children from other classes. We will have staff on gate duty to help out if needed.

- **Pick Up Time:** Again, to avoid congestion, we will unlock all gates along Knighton Road, Somme Crescent and Wairere Drive from 3.00pm to 3.15pm. Children will be able to walk from their classroom to an appropriate gate where they can be met by parents and whanau. We will have staff on gate duty to help out if needed.
- All school gates will be locked from 9.15am to 3.00pm. If you have any enquiries, please call the school office on 856 5399.
- KASP will not be operating while we are in Alert level 3.

I would like to thank everyone, in advance, for your cooperation with this. It has been lovely getting so many emails wishing us all the best as we navigate these uncertain times.

We also understand that there are a number of families who are choosing to keep their children at home for the rest of the year. You have a right to choose this and we understand and respect your decision.

We are already planning for 2022 and will be looking forward to us all reconnecting once again as a community.

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Andrew Campbell - Principal