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### **ALERT LEVEL 2**

You will be aware that all of New Zealand excluding the Auckland region moved to Alert Level 2 last night. Whilst this is unsettling news, we want to assure our HCK community that we are prepared and will remain open.

**All our kindergartens are open and it is safe for all children and staff to attend kindergarten. Appropriate precautions are in place.**

Here is a summary of the situation at Alert Level 2:

- Children and staff who are at higher-risk of severe illness are encouraged to take additional precautions when leaving home.
- **Anyone** who is presenting as unwell must not come to kindergarten. Parents or caregivers will be asked to collect a child who becomes unwell during session.
- If your child will not be attending kindergarten for any reason, please call the Head Teacher to let them know.
- Any planned Excursions during this period will be cancelled.
- Messaging about good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette will be reinforced. We will do this through posters on our walls and reminders to children.
- Children must wash their hands in the bathroom when they arrive at kindergarten. Adults should use the hand sanitiser available.
- Adults must complete the contact tracing process for themselves and also sign their child in. Kindergartens will display the QR Code tracing poster for you to use or you must complete the Contract Tracing form.
- There does not need to be a measurable physical distance between tamariki, or tamariki and staff. Adults should, where practicable, use 1 metre as a guide between other adults.
- Masks are not required in kindergartens at Alert Levels 2.

Please talk to your Head Teacher if you have any questions. We will continue to update you as more information is made available.

Nga mihi

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