



# The Catlins Area School

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12/08/2020

Kia ora koutou,

I am sure you have followed the announcements made by the Prime Minister last night as we return to Alert Level 2 in our region.

The Prime Minister continues to advise that in Alert Level 2, schools are safe environments for children, young people and staff and that additional public health control measures are in place to prevent the spread of disease and to support contact tracing.

From midday today, the school returns to Level 2 requirements. **I have attached the Level 2 Guidelines for Parents and Students to this communication.**

The key Public Health approach is to minimise the risk that someone gets infected in the first place, and second to ensure we can identify and contact anyone who has been in close contact with a person, if someone in a school is infected.

Under Alert Level 2, we advise any students and staff to stay at home if they are sick, and we will send anyone home immediately if they show any symptoms. Our school has already developed safe and sensible practices to maintain the health and safety of everyone on the school site.

It's important, however, that not just at school but at home, safe hygiene habits are practised by everyone, as this is essential to minimise the risk that someone gets infected with Covid-19.

For more information about the public health measures at Alert Level 2, you can visit the covid19.govt.nz website: <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, please contact me.

Ngā mihi,

Kate Staniford, Principal

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