



Onsite Learning - Level 2

Health and Safety



Physical Distancing – Physical distancing is a good precaution to prevent the spread of disease. In an Alert Level 2 school environment, this means children and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are *not breathing on or touching each other*, coupled with good hygiene practices (coughing into your elbow, handwashing and drying) and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There are situations where physical distancing is not possible, such as some sporting activities. In these situations extra emphasis on handwashing and drying (or cleansing with hand sanitiser) before and after activities and regular cleaning of equipment is very important.

Mass gatherings – educational facilities, and school transport are not considered mass gatherings because they are managed environments. This means there are no restrictions on numbers of people indoors or outside at schools other than what other public health or health and safety measures require. However, mass gathering rules apply when a number of outside people come onsite. We are waiting for further information from the Ministry of Education as a result of any changes to Alert Level 2 protocols that would impact on our daily operation.

Cleaning – Medbury will have a comprehensive cleaning programme to ensure that areas around the campus are regularly cleaned and sanitised.



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With the change to Alert Level 2, the advice from the Government is that schools are able to open again to all students. This means that on Thursday, 9 September, Medbury will resume our daily teaching and learning programme with some modifications to ensure we are minimising risks while increasing health and safety protocols. More information around these changes can be found on the subsequent pages.

We will be having “Preparation to Return Day” (PRD) on Wednesday, 8 September. Teachers will set a number of independent “Can Do” tasks for boys on Wednesday. There will be no Whereby video conferences on Wednesday, 8 September. In addition, there will be no onsite Bubbles for essential workers’ children. This will allow Medbury staff time to prepare and organise for the safe return of boys to Medbury.



Mandatory Record Keeping



Mandatory record keeping comes into effect from 11.59pm on Tuesday, 7 September 2021. Contact tracing will play an important part in ensuring that New Zealand continues to make good progress in controlling COVID-19. This means that at Medbury we need to maintain rigorous tracing documents. Please use the NZ COVID Tracer app wherever possible. A visitor's log is provided if you have forgotten your phone or do not have the app.

During Level 2, we require parents and caregivers to stay outside of the school gates wherever possible. We also ask that parents do not come past the Cricket Pavillion via the Clyde Road entrance. However, if parents need to come onsite past these areas, they **must** sign in and out either from the office and via our COVID Tracer visitor QR codes that are located by the entrances.

If your son is absent, please contact school as you usually would, detailing the reason for his absence. This is important as we need to know who is onsite at all times and who is away. Parents must inform the school office if any family member has had a COVID test.

All Medbury Itinerant and Speech and Drama teachers, sports coaches, and visitors will be required to sign in and out.



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Uniform - boys are to wear their full Medbury school uniform.

Arrival times - to ensure we are decreasing the amount of gathering by the school gates we encourage parents to drop boys off and let their son(s) walk in and go straight to their home rooms. **Parents are not to drop their sons off prior to 8.00am.** Parents and caregivers are encouraged to maintain a distance of 2m wherever possible from others.

Home Classrooms - there are no requirements for us to limit the number of boys in home classes so these will continue as normal. Furniture may be placed so that adequate spacing is maintained. Boys will be encouraged to keep a sensible and manageable distance from peers in class so they do not breathe on or touch others. Windows and doors will be opened to promote ventilation of learning areas.

Specialist Subjects - boys are able to move around the school and participate in specialist subjects. Safety protocols will be in place, where shared equipment is cleaned regularly between classes.

Itinerant lessons - boys are now able to attend Itinerant music lessons and Speech and Drama lessons onsite. We will keep daily records of lessons to ensure we can carry out effective contact tracing should the need arise. All outside personnel will also be required to maintain detailed contact tracing records.



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Departure times - we will have our usual staggered departures. Junior teachers will walk boys out to the Creyke Road car park for collection. As with drop off, it is easier for parents and caregivers to wait outside the school gates or in the designated waiting area, otherwise they will need to sign in and out if they are onsite.

Year 1 and 2 - depart at 3.00pm

Year 3 and 4 - depart at 3.10pm

Year 5 - 8 - depart at 3.20pm

Siblings will leave at the same time as the youngest sibling's year level.

After School Care - this will resume as usual. Please book through the Medbury App booking form. When collecting your son, please text or call After School Care on 027 7720630 and someone will bring your son out to the Creyke Road car park. **After School Care will be moving to the ground floor of the Old Boys' Building.**



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Hand washing - we encourage all boys to wash hands and sanitise just before they leave home to depart for school. We will remind boys to regularly clean and sanitise their hands throughout the day. Boys will sanitise hands when moving between classrooms, as well as before and after break times.

Unwell - if a boy who is meant to be attending school onsite, is unwell, we ask that parents keep their unwell son at home and contact the office as per our normal absentee processes. Illness includes temperatures, runny nose or a sore throat. If your son becomes unwell while onsite, he will go directly to the sick bay and be supervised by a designated staff member. You will be called to collect your son. You may park in the Creyke Road car park and then call the office to arrange collection. A designated staff member will bring your son out to you.

Food and water - boys are to ensure they bring enough food for morning tea and lunch. The dining room will resume operating again under Level 2 for boarders. Day boy lunches will be commencing from Monday, 13 September. Drinking fountains will also remain closed under Alert Level 2, so boys need to bring sufficient water bottles.



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What to bring? - boys are to bring what they normally would need for their typical school day.

Haircuts - some boys may have longer hair due to the Lockdown. At this stage, boys are exempt from meeting our school guidelines around suitable haircuts, although no extreme home haircuts are allowed. Boys are required to get a haircut when they are able to.

Sports and Clubs - will resume as of Thursday, 9 September.

Library - will be closed during break times until further notice.

Selwyn House Shuttle - will re-commence as of Thursday, 9 September.



Boarding House



The Boarding House will reopen again on Wednesday, 8 September from 4.30pm.

Boarders are to arrive with one parent/caregiver. No siblings please. Families must sign in on the COVID tracer QR code at the entrances to our school and fill in our Visitor Log for contact tracing purposes.

Casual boarding will not be available during Alert Level 2.

More information about some minor changes to Boarding House routines will be emailed out by the Director of Boarding, Mr. Ogston, to Boarding families.

