



15 November 2021

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

From Monday 22 November, we are looking forward to welcoming our Junior Years and Middle Years students back onsite.

Please note that for the week of Monday 15 November - Friday 19 November, regular online schooling will continue, **except for our scheduled days** where teachers are required to be onsite to prepare their physical learning programmes and environments.

These days are:

Thursday 18 November for Junior Years

Friday 19 November for Middle Years

Students may continue to complete tasks online, however there will be no teacher contact on those particular days.

**Teacher Only Day for Teacher of year 9 and 10**

There will be **no classes online or face to face** for year 9 and 10 students on the 25th November. This is a scheduled NCEA review day for these staff members.

**Years 1-10 (Monday 22 November onwards)**

**Year 1-6 students will attend Monday to Thursday from 8:40 am - 12:30 pm**

**Year 7- 10 students will attend Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am - 12:50 pm**

(These groups will also have different morning tea times)

On Friday, all students work from home. Teachers will be available for a google meet at the usual time with the whole class.

**Face-to-Face & Distance Learning**

Teachers are delivering face-to-face instructional programmes at school again, with a focus on re-integrating students back into school. Therefore, distance learning will change. Teams will set distance learning available to all students, including those who are not yet transitioning back to school.

Please note that in some cases, classes in the same year level may be grouped together when onsite. This is dependent on staff and student numbers returning.

Feedback from teachers will be given when face-to-face at school. On the days where students are not physically at school due to our scheduling, students will be encouraged to complete online tasks. Please note that your child may still receive small amounts of feedback about the work they submit online, however this may not be from their PC Teacher.

On Fridays, Google Meets will be offered to all students, as has been happening in lockdown.

Even with the Delta variant, experts advise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools is low because of all the public health measures we will have in place.

#### **What parents can do to help**

- Stay at home if you or your child has any symptoms of being sick
- Avoid catching up with other parents, children and whānau at the gates, wear a face covering and maintain a two-metre distance from people not in your household bubble
- Get advice from your doctor if your child has complex medical needs (and please get in touch so that we can support your child to return onsite, wherever possible)
- Avoid having playdates inside with children from other families at Alert Level 3
- Prepare your child for what to expect on their first day back e.g. how to physically distance (1 metre inside, 2 metres outside, how to wear a mask, particular friends may not have the same rostered days, walking into classroom on arrival, what drop offs and pick ups will look like (and where to go to meet you, and/or siblings)
- Adhering to the times for drop off/pick up

#### **What students will need to bring on their Day 1**

- Students Year 4 and above must have a well fitted, named mask (and have practised how to wear it correctly)
- Morning tea and a drink bottle (water only, fountains will be open for use) *Students leave at the start of lunch so **no lunch** is required.*
- Named sunhat
- All students will be expected to wear their full school uniform

#### **Parents on site**

Parents are not permitted on site in Alert Level 3. You can email the office, leadership team or class teachers as needed.

Special arrangements for new students on the first days are outlined below.

#### **New students to our Campus**

During lockdown some new students joined our Elim Christian College community. We warmly welcome them and their families/whānau. It has been a strange start to school, but over time our 'new normal' will emerge and we hope you will be happy here and take advantage of the many opportunities we will be offering once again in the future.

For those new entrant students who have not been on site before, we will have a special drop off and pick up time of 9.30am and 12:00 noon. At these times only, one adult (must be wearing a mask) and any new children may come on site and take their child(ren) to their classroom.

Parents must remain socially distanced (2m) at all times, use the QR scanner to check in and must not enter the classroom. All parents/visitors on site must be vaccinated. Please limit your time on site.

Please use the entrance at the front gate. We will have additional staff to show you where to go. These special drop off times will be available for the first 2 weeks (22 November - 3 December) of school and after this time, your child will be able to walk in by themselves as an independent learner. If this applies to you and your child, our teachers will be in contact with you to make these arrangements.

### **Drop off and Pick up**

It is normal for everyone to feel somewhat anxious about returning to school. Parents are encouraged to model a calm and positive attitude to children. If you anticipate significant difficulties on the first day, please email [tania.calvert@elim.school.nz](mailto:tania.calvert@elim.school.nz)

Students may arrive at school at 8:40am and 9:00 am (not earlier) and are asked to go directly (no parents) to their classroom, where teachers will be waiting to greet them. Our gates will be locked after this time. Year 4-10 students must wear a mask. All available staff will be out to give support, but we must keep our distance.

### **Traffic School Drop off Plan**

Students who walk, bike or use public transport may enter the front gate. Students who travel by car are to treat McLean Street as a one way road traveling down from Allendale Rd to New North Road. Cars may stop in the coned sections to drop students off or drive into the school. Drivers are not to leave their vehicles. The pedestrian gate in Allendale Road will not be open for the remainder of this year.

Thank you for your support with this.

In the afternoon, our Junior students will finish school at 12:30 pm. Your child will be dismissed at this time and needs to be collected from the McLean Street entrance unless leaving with older siblings. Our teachers will supervise pickups.

For Junior students who have older siblings in Middle or Senior Years, they can wait on the front deck until their siblings finish class at 12:50 pm. Please come at the later time if this applies to you so our carpark does not get congested with parents waiting.

Thank you for supporting us with our return-to-school transition. Please take the time to prepare your child(ren) for these changes, by discussing the above mentioned points with them. We will review our processes as needed, as new guidelines become available.

We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back soon.

Please take the time to complete the following survey by **3pm on Wednesday 17 November** to give us a final indication of whether your child will resume face-to-face learning onsite with us from the week beginning Monday 22 November.

<https://forms.gle/uDHNMesmodTUCGq66>

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