



COVID-19 Update #22 to Wee Nippers Community

7 September 2021

Tēnā koutou Wee Nippers families and whānau,

With the entire motu except for Auckland moving to Alert Level 2 at 11:59pm this evening (Tuesday, 7 September 2021), we will reopen our Centres observing Delta Alert Level 2 operating requirements from 7:30am, Wednesday 8th September 2021.

The guidance from the Ministry of Education is for Schools, Kura and Early Learning centres to open on Thursday 9th September, but because we have been partially open at Alert Level 3, we are ready. The responses that we have received overnight, have affirmed we have made the right decision as you, our community are ready just like our Wee Nippers team.

Operating at Delta Alert Level 2 requires many of the Alert Level 3 rules to remain in place. So please read the following carefully to prepare for tomorrow morning if you have not been attending in the past week. **QR code scanning and mask wearing are now mandatory across New Zealand and must be observed by all parents, caregivers and visitors to the Centre.**

Delta Alert Level 2 Protocols for Parents and Caregivers

- All children will return to their home classroom and existing timetables (as at Aug 17 when we went into Lockdown). Only permanent changes can be made to enrolments after speaking with Nat or Rach. **For those children who had just begun a transition to the next room, please return to the room you were transitioning out of, and we will re-start that transition.**
- Please adhere to government advice with regards to physical distancing of 2 metres in the car park.
- One parent per drop off or pick up. It can be different parents, but only one at a time.
- Hand sanitiser is placed outside the front door for use before entry and after exit.
- If older siblings must accompany you at drop off and pick up, they must remain in the reception area under supervision of our team. They **cannot** go into the classrooms or playground.
- All parents and caregivers must wear a mask when entering the Centre. Supplies of masks are available at the front door.
- All parents and caregivers must scan the Centre QR code when entering the Centre.
- All children must be signed in on the tablet dedicated to their Bubble. There will be dedicated tablets for your rooms. Please use the correct tablet.
- There is a 5 minute or under transition time (drop off and pick up) – there will always be a teacher available for your child.
- Please use Storypark for any information sharing (as a backup) i.e. Change in sleep routine, toileting, eating and so forth.
- Please advise your teachers if your child is on any medication prior to their first day back so that they can have the medication charts ready to fill in. Remember your child can only return 24 hours after antibiotics have been started.

- Please have your child's bags packed with everything they will need – hats, jackets, sun hats, change of clothes, nappies, wipes, formula.

As we have said before, while there may currently be no detected cases of COVID-19 in our community, we need to operate at Delta Alert Level 2 requirements as if there has been. This is a drill for when we may be in a more stressful situation. We don't want any confusion as to what Delta Alert Level 2 looks like by relaxing the rules.

Ka pai to our team members who have cared for the almost 40 children who attended Wee Nippers in Invercargill and Mosgiel during Alert Level 3 and to those who kept the home learning going from their own homes. Your work is most appreciated.

At Delta Alert Level 2, we resume our normal fee schedule. Any children not attending will be marked as absent unless a holiday day has been requested by 5pm on Wednesday 8th September.

It feels good to be back! Please don't hesitate to contact Nat or Rach if you have any questions.

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