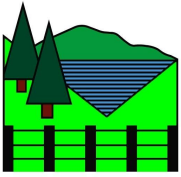


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### **COVID19 Level 2 Update**

Finally we have reached Level 2 and the children can come back to school. School will start on Monday 18th May 9.00am-3.00pm and buses will run as normal. Staff, parents and children may well be anxious about returning and that is something we will manage kindly – wellbeing is our first priority in planning for the children's return. As much as we are able we will continue with physical distancing in the classrooms and in the playground. All classrooms have hand sanitiser, anti- bacterial sprays to clean high touch surfaces, gloves and masks if required.

Since the start of the December 2019 holidays, we have only been at school for seven and a half weeks. During the eight weeks or so that the children have been away from school during COVID19 lockdown, we know that you have been doing a great job keeping the children's academic studies going. Some have done this themselves, some with hardpack materials, some using zoom web conferencing and some have used a combination of all three. Now that we are getting back to school we have six months to get the childrens learning routines back to normal. When school starts on Monday18th we will be looking at it as the start of the year all over again.

With this in mind we will be making some changes to our classes that would usually happen at the start of term three. These changes have been discussed and thought through by all staff with the children's academic, social and best interests in mind. They are also to keep the spread of students across the school at manageable levels in each classroom, especially in the junior classrooms.

In the next couple of days we will be contacting each parent/caregiver to see:

1. if you will be returning to school during Level 2,
2. to discuss your child's return to school.
3. and if your child is changing classes the teacher will discuss this with you.

With it being such a short term and having not been at school for very long this year we are also intending to hold parent teacher interviews in the week of 15th-18th June. This will replace the mid year report as we feel that the children have not had enough time at school to effectively write these reports and a face to face interview would be of more value to you and your child. A written copy of the matters discussed at the interview will be available.

A reminder to those families that received devices, can you please bring these back on the first day of school.

See you all at school on Monday

Take care

Rick :)