

### COVID 19 Update:

Each day we are being reminded of the ongoing impact of the current Delta environment. It is timely that we provide an update for our community with where we are at with our response to Covid and the guidance we are being provided with from the Ministry of Education.

At 11.59pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October the Covid 19 Public Health Response Order for Mandatory Vaccinations for Education came into effect.

Everyone who works or volunteers for a school who may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children are also present must have had a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

The vaccination requirements apply whenever in person schooling occurs, such as on a school site, but also on school camps, at swimming pools, class trips or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place.

The following information has been provided by the Ministry of Education regarding vaccinations.

Type of Role	Are they required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order?
Teachers, teacher aides, principals, administration staff, caretakers.	<b>Yes</b> These staff are required to be vaccinated as they may have contact with children and/or will be present at a time when children are also present
Learning support staff and other education agency staff.	<b>Yes</b> These staff are required to be vaccinated if they are visiting school to deliver a service that means they may have contact with children and /or will be present at a time when children are also present.
Parents, caregivers, or volunteers at an education outside the classroom, learning experiences outside the classroom programme or excursion	<b>Yes</b> These people are required to be vaccinated because these people are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school and they may have contact with children or will be present at a time when children are also present.
Parents, caregivers dropping off, picking up children at a school.	<b>No</b> As the order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school.
Parents, caregivers, and members of the community who are volunteers at the school.	<b>Yes</b> These people onsite are required to be vaccinated as they may have contact with children or will be present at a time when children are also present.
Parents or caregivers attending meetings on site.	<b>No</b> As the order only applies to workers and volunteers, not people who are visiting the school.

This means that we are only permitted to allow people to help at school events with children if they have had at least their first dose by the 16 November and are fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

We are working on establishing systems to check the vaccination status of our regular visitors and volunteers.

We continue to follow our Alert Level 2 measures until advised of a change.

- Children will still be dropped off and picked up from the front of the school.
- We have been strongly recommended that large events and activities do not take place, including those that bring parents and caregivers on site.
- We ask that face coverings be worn when you come to the school office.
- Ensure your child has a water bottle each day as the drinking fountains are not available

We thank you for your continued support as we implement these measures.

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