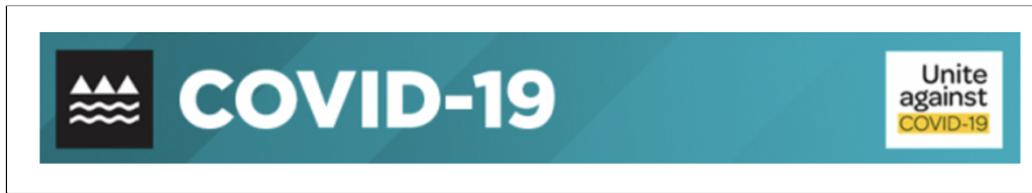


Kia Ora e te Whānau

COVID 19 Update



We would like to address some concerns about the misinformation that has been put out into the community, providing you with clarity so that you can be reassured about what the current situation is here at Te Whai Hiringa - Peterhead School.

Yesterday there were 200+ children away from school. The large majority of these children were from families who had decided to keep their children home of their own choice (to keep their wider family and immunocompromised children and elderly whānau members safe).

These 200 children consist of a group of children of household contacts eg. someone in their house has tested positive and is in isolation as a precaution. This is in accordance with Ministry of Health guidelines - they will need to stay home and do tests on day 3 and day 10. Children who get tested on day 10 need to be negative for them to return to school.

Then there is a small group of children who have tested covid positive. A large majority of those children were in isolation before they tested positive.

At Te Whai Hiringa - Peterhead School children who are unwell and show any of the symptoms of Covid 19 are isolated immediately and whānau are asked to come and pick them up. Unfortunately, we are still having many sick children being sent to school - these children are isolated immediately and then sent home. Please can I ask you to be vigilant as sending sick children to school places more stress on all concerned. Please keep your sick children home.

Homework Centre has been temporarily closed as a precautionary measure not because there was an outbreak of Covid 19.

I promise we are doing all we can to navigate everything the best we can to keep all of our Te Whai Hiringa - Peterhead children safe.

You are within your rights to keep your children home - that is your prerogative as a parent. We have been providing hard copy work for the children whose parents have chosen this option.

At Covid Level Red we at Te Whai Hiringa - Peterhead School are left to self-manage. The reporting of numbers is not mandated as if all schools did this we would overwhelm all the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health resources. Please if you have any questions come and talk with me so I can clear these up. Always best to get first-hand information.

Stay safe!

Ngā mihi mahana

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