



Kia ora e te whaanau

The purpose of this communication is to outline the process that the school will follow in managing the following [public health requirements](#) for Alert Level 2 at Fairfield College.

Parents are asked to keep any sick children at home. If a sick child comes to school we will contact parents to organise their safe return home. Sick students will be isolated until they can be collected. Principals at state and state-integrated schools have authority to preclude a student from attending if they believe on reasonable grounds that the student may have a communicable disease under section 19 of the Education Act – see [Guide to Legal Powers](#)

The Ministry of Health guidelines state that students that have cold, flu, coughs and any respiratory symptoms are considered unwell and that they should not attend school. The following have been identified as Covid-19 symptoms: a new or worsening cough, a high temperature, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or blocked nose, and temporary loss of smell.

If a teacher is concerned about a student exhibiting symptoms of ill health and possible COVID-19 symptoms they will implement the following process:

1. Teacher to respectfully express their health concerns to the student.
2. The teacher will send the student to the Isolation Area (the Hall) through the main reception area.
3. Student services will contact parent/caregiver and the school nurse
4. The student will remain in isolation in the hall until they are collected by their parent/ caregiver.
5. The student will be given a note for their parent/ caregiver with the school Care Plan.
6. The school nurse will follow-up with student, or alternatively the parent/ caregiver can phone or email the school nurse on 853 5660 ext 811 or nurse@faircol.school.nz
7. A student that has been isolated at school cannot return to school until they are symptom free. They are required to be away from school for at least 48 hours.
8. RED FLAGS - which would mandate urgent clinical review by the school nurse include
 - Respiratory distress
 - Coughing up blood
 - Altered mental state
 - Signs of shock (eg fainting)

The School Nurse will make phone assessments of the severity of illness. These will be conducted in the Hauora Centre.

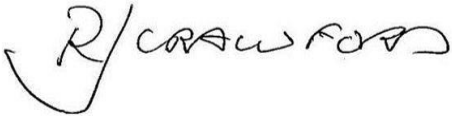
If your son/daughter has been isolated at school because they have exhibited symptoms of ill health it is important that you do at least one of the following:

- Ring your GP
- Call the Healthline 24/7: 0800 358 5453
- Visit www.govt.nz/covid-19 for more information
- Go to the Claudelands Events Centre to undertake a Covid-19 test

Please be vigilant in evaluating your children's health and deciding whether they should attend school. It is important that we follow the guidelines as outlined by the Ministry of Health in regards to this requirement.

Thank you for your support in this important matter and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries about this communication.

Naaku noa, naa

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