



# Oruaiti School

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Dear Parents Caregivers,

With the Government's announcement that we will be moving to Level two on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11.59pm, schools will be reopening for students on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

For the remainder of this week teachers will continue to provide online learning for students as well as teaching those students who attend school in person. From the start of next week, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September teachers will only be focusing on face to face teaching of those children who are at school. Class sites will still be available online for any students who are not yet returning to school.

Could you please let your child's teacher know if your child will be returning to school at level two or if you will be keeping them home at this stage. If you are still unsure, please let us know that as well.

Buses will be running as normal from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, children will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering the bus, face masks are optional for students. We will be tracking all students using the bus, keeping a register when they arrive at school.

We will be reviewing Health and Safety guidelines to ensure that students at school are kept safe. This may involve spacing children in classrooms and reinforcing hygiene requirements. Playgrounds will be open, but again students will be encouraged to maintain space between them and their friends. Face masks are recommended for students over the age of 12. School Lunches will be provided for students from Thursday, however, breakfast club will not be running. Drinking fountains will not be open, all students will need to bring a water bottle from home, we will ensure we have water available for students to refill their bottles

**Children must not attend if they are unwell. Parents are asked to keep their child home if they are unwell. Children who become unwell during the school day will be sent home. This includes a runny nose, cough and/or frequent sneezing.**

We encourage parents/caregivers who are dropping off or picking up students to do this at the main entrance (Please do not enter the school grounds unless it is absolutely necessary) There will be a QR code on the front gate which we encourage everyone to scan for tracking purposes. Anyone coming onto the school grounds **MUST** sign in on the tablet in the office area. We are introducing new requirements for picking up students in the afternoons which will be detailed in a separate notice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We will keep you informed of any changes or other requirements for students returning to school.

Thank You again for your amazing support during this latest lockdown.

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