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February Newsletter 2021- Covid Update – Return to Level 2

Kia ora whanau,

COVID-19: As the prime minister has announced late last night, early learning centres in Invercargill will be returning to COVID Level 2 as of today. For those of you who have not experienced this level at the centre, and also, for a reminder to those who have experienced Level 2 last year, this is a copy of our newsletter for level 2 from last year.

Please read this carefully and phone or email the centre if you have any queries. We will also forward you our safety plan.

Keep in touch with the teachers in your child's team and/or let the office know if you have any worries about attending the centre. If you have had changes in your work circumstances and you need to change your booking, please let the office know as soon as possible.

DROP OFF / PICK UP ROUTINES:

- The number of adults dropping off and picking up at one time will be limited. We ask that you make the drop offs and pick- ups as efficient as possible so that other families do not have to wait too long.
- Each room will have their own entrance area which will be signposted in the carparks. Totara, Kawakawa and Waihopai entrances are from the centre carpark off the Stadium road. Koru and Te Rito, and office visitors will access from the Isabella Street carpark. Waihopai enter up through the ramp on the south side of the building.
- For each where there will be a drop off zone- You will need to txt the room on your arrival and we will txt back to advise you when it is okay to enter. While you are waiting please observe the required 2 metre social distancing. ("x marks the spot" crosses are spray painted on the pathways).
- A teacher will txt you back when to bring your child to the drop off zone. In Level 2, parents are **NOT** able to come into the play areas.
- In the transfer zone, you update the teacher of any special requests for the day, sign the day sheet and write your phone number. It would be helpful if you can bring your own pen but there will be pens provided and hand sanitizer available.

Drop Offs:

Before 8.00am: Entry through the main office to Koru once teachers have said it is ok to enter.

After 8:00am: Individual room entrances

Pick Ups:

Before 4.15pm: Individual room entrances

After 4.15pm: from Waihopai and Koru

When you arrive in the carpark, please txt the number of where your child belongs to. These numbers are:

Totara= 021 261 0416

Kawakawa= 021 261 0356

Waihopai= 021 263 7071

Te Rito= 021 261 6548

Koru= 021 265 1730

Office= 027 357 6998

Office = 03 2173477 or 03 2177063

If you have more than one child attending, you are welcome to drop them to one room and the teachers will transition your other child later on. At the end of day, we will bring the second child to the room you want to pick up from.

Sickness: With regard to sickness, your child must not attend the centre if they are sick with any of the COVID Symptoms- (a temperature of 38 +; a cough; sneezing and a runny nose; and a loss of their sense of taste) - and they must be symptom free for a full 48 hours before returning. Also, if anyone in your household is sick your child needs to stay home for the 48 hours symptom free before returning.

If a child becomes sick while at the centre they will be isolated in a sick bay area until the parent is able to collect. We ask that you make sure that you and your work/study place understands the urgency required in collecting a sick child.

We will do our very best to support you in this transition time back to Level 2. Please give the team leader or me a call, or email if you have any concerns or worries.

With best wishes to you all for continued good health.

Regards

Avril