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Kia ora Whanau.

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all.

You will have heard about the new Covid-19 rules for New Zealand schools that have been announced by the Government. More details will emerge in the coming days and weeks, but for now what we know is outlined below.

All staff members and those who may have contact with students in schools will be required to have a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November 2021 and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

From 1 January 2022, schools must only allow those that are fully vaccinated to provide onsite services. As well as school staff, this includes volunteers, learning support specialists, and Initial Teacher Education (trainee teacher) students on practicum.

Parents, whānau and caregivers are not required to be vaccinated in order to drop off or pick up children. These should occur in an outdoor environment (not in classes) where face coverings must be worn and physical distancing measures retained. The requirement for parents / caregivers to wear masks at drop off and pick up has changed recently from being encouraged to having to now wear them on school sites.

Like all schools, Geraldine Primary School will be following the directions of the Ministry of Education on Covid-19 matters and we will keep you up to date on these.

Even though the national Covid-19 situation is a complex and evolving one, the staff and I will continue to do our very best to ensure that school life remains engaging, stimulating and enjoyable for our tamariki.

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui – be strong, be bold, be steadfast.

Kind regards,

*Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki*