

Back to School Safely

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It is safe for children and staff to attend school.**

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Seek medical advice. Get tested if advised to do so.



Gatherings

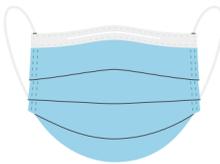


'For most day-to-day activities at schools, the rules for gatherings do not apply. Under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Order, schools are exempted from physical distancing requirements'.

This exemption applies to MoE school buses (not public buses) and extracurricular activities that are run through WHS.

However, students must maintain appropriate physical distance, including not touching others and maintaining 'breathing space'.

Face Masks



The Director General of Health strongly encourages staff and students to wear face coverings in secondary school settings.

While they are not required, we need to respect and support the choices of individual teachers and students.

Teaching and Learning

At Alert Level 2 we return to **face-to-face teaching and learning** and we will use our normal school timetable.

This means that students who are away from school will need to look to Google Classroom and liaise with students and teachers to find out what work was missed.

If students are expecting to be away for extended periods of time, they will be required to use our [Student Leave Form](#).

Hygiene

- Good hygiene practices must be adhered to at all times. This will include regularly washing and drying hands, coughing and sneezing into their elbow, and trying to avoid touching their face.
- WHS will ensure the regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces
- There will be a number of hand sanitising stations available throughout the school and increased ventilation.
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in all bathrooms and social spaces.



Exemplify School Values

Returning from lockdown and being at school in Level 2, students will need to be mindful of others and ensure that they exemplify our **values of responsibility and respect**.

They will also need to recognise that the rules are different at school compared to when in public, and be good citizens and continue to demonstrate our values out of school and in the community.



Support

Reach out to your Kaiārahi or our Guidance Counsellors (and/or Dean, teacher, or SLT, as required).

There are also a range of supports and agencies at school and in the community that are available for both individuals and families.

[Click here](#)

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School Buses

- All Ministry (school) bus routes are exempt from physical distancing rules so all school buses will run as usual.
- Students will need to endeavour to sanitize their hands upon entering the bus and keep physical distance from the bus driver. Like school, Mask wearing is encouraged but not a requirement.
- To ensure contact tracing on the buses, it is essential that students only catch the school bus that they have been assigned to.

Public Buses

- Masks are mandatory on all public transport. Students must be seated, no standing allowed.
[Public Bus information](#)

Attendance

- If a student is unwell or absent for any reason, the parent/caregiver must email attendance@wakatipu.school.nz or call the school.
- If a student and/or family member is immunocompromised and intends to stay home for an extended period of time, they should email Mr Nathan (onathan@wakatipu.school.nz) to make arrangements.
- If students know they are to be absent for more than 2 days, they should complete and follow the instructions on the student leave form - [Student Leave Form](#).
- Missed assessments - Senior students who are away from school during an internal assessment should provide the school with a medical certificate upon return. If students are unable to get a medical certificate, or it is impractical, then the parent/guardian must email our NZQA Principal Nominee, Mr Richards (drichards@wakatipu.school.nz), outlining the reason that the student was away from school, which could include 'due to covid protocols'.

Extra- Curricular and Site Specific Activities

- Physical distancing is not required for all extracurricular activities, including sport, that are run through WHS.
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but good hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment.
- Students partaking in practical subjects, including Physical Education, Science, Technology, Arts, will need to maintain a high level of hygiene, including the regular washing of hands.
- Water fountains will be available. Students, however, are encouraged to bring a water bottle and ensure that the bottle does not touch the tap.

Miscellaneous

- Students should not be going to Remarkables Park (eg New World) before or after school, with the exception of Year 13's.
- All students should be exemplifying citizenship at school, on the buses and in the community, at all times.
- The Uniform shop cannot allow uniform try-on's during Level 2. Please refer to the [Argyle Online size guide](#).

Parents and Visitors



Parents/visitors to the school must adhere to 2m physical distancing and must check-in through reception.