

Kia ora/Greetings

Sarah Oliver



Just before school closed for the pandemic, we received some terribly sad news from Sarah Oliver, one of our new entrant staff. Her baby Amalie Oliver passed away the week before school closed. I am sure you will join us in sending our thoughts and love to Sarah and her husband Doug.



Welcome back!

It is amazing to be back at school! We have missed the children so much. Our focus over the next few weeks is on rebuilding relationships, having fun and reminding the children of our expectations at Knighton.

We understand that children will have a range of emotions, from excitement at being back with their friends, to nervous at being around others, to struggling with getting back to school routines. We will be flexible, caring and kind.

Good hygiene practice everywhere is key – wash and dry your hands often, cough or sneeze into your elbow and clean surfaces regularly.

We have been working closely with the school cleaners and the school caretaker. Surface cleaning of high use areas and toilet areas is a focus. All class spaces have sanitiser, soap, paper towels and spray for surfaces.

Drop off, Pick ups and visitors to site:

Please do not enter the school grounds unless absolutely necessary. If you enter school grounds a staff member will collect your contact details. The reason that we have set up these steps is so that we can contact trace visitors that enter the school grounds. We will monitor the pick up process over the first few days and will make changes if needed.

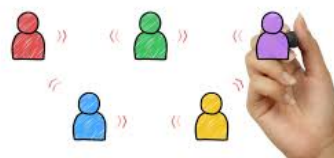


New Entrant Morning and Play @ Knighton

While we are in Alert Level 2 the Thursday afternoon PlayGroup for enrolled pre-schoolers will not take place. However we encourage parents to continue to enrol their child as early as possible so we can place them into one of the four New Entrant classes. Parents will then be contacted to arrange visits to the class at a time to suit them and the class teacher. This could be one or many visits depending on the child's needs.

There will be no Open Morning this term but information about Knighton School is available on our website and facebook page and we welcome inquiries either in person or by email or phone. We will continue to keep in contact with the pre-schools in our school zone.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



The major focus is staying out of others' warm breath zone. Maintaining a 1m distance for adults

is encouraged. Please be respectful of others' right to maintain this distance.

Thank you!

The last eight weeks have obviously been very challenging. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, patience and enthusiasm as we have worked hard to support our community and children. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for some feedback about what worked well with our learning from home programme and what suggestions you have (if we ever need to do it again!)



Class Dojo, See Saw and Facebook
These were the key apps / websites that we used to communicate with our families over the lockdown.

Have you joined? The school facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/knightonnormal>
If you wish to join the class dojo or see saw pages please contact your child's teacher.

Learning

A major focus for the next seven weeks is going to be on building relationships, routines and focussing on well being. If children had been at school for all school days this year they would only have been at school for 35 days. Teachers will work on quickly identifying where children are at with their learning.

Some changes

As a result of the reduced number of days at school we are going to change how we report to you and meet with you. I will share these new plans in the coming weeks.



In level two it is not appropriate to have lost property in a collection area. All lost property will be collected and kept in Steve's caretakers shed in black bags for one week.

Please name your children's clothing

Level Two at Knighton

Please remember these key points:

Hygiene- Remind your child about washing their hands, coughing into their elbow and staying out of others 'warm breath'.

Drop off - ALL gates open at 8.30am. We are encouraging you to drop your children off or let them walk to school. If parents need to come through the gates we will be taking their details. If you need to enter a classroom the teacher will be taking your name. We will only allow two parents in rooms at a time. Pick up- Gates open at 2.45pm. Remember to talk to your child about where you will be meeting them. If you need to come into the school grounds we will be taking your details. We will be monitoring the pick up time. If necessary we will move to a staggered pick up, based on surnames.

Please Remember

The Ministry of Health has stated that any child (or member of staff) who is coughing, sneezing, has a runny nose or a temperature needs to be sent home and possibly tested.

Please make sure our office has up to date contact details so we can contact you if we need to.

Key Dates:

1st June - Queens Birthday

2nd June - Teacher Only Day postponed

4th June - Class photos postponed until further notice.

Other term dates to be confirmed at a later date

Ngā mihi nui

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