



GREEN BAY SCHOOL

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COVID-19

The update for this week is based on the Government *Changes to Isolation Requirements*. Please have a good read of the below familiarising yourself with the change in isolation dates and what this means for returning students.

Thank you for continuing to update us on any positive cases within your household. Please continue to do so and if there are any student/household cases over the upcoming weekends, just email the office advising details, admin@greenbay.school.nz

Also thank you for keeping your children at home if they are sick. [COVID-19 | KidsHealth NZ](#)

Change of isolation requirements effective Friday 11 March at 11:59pm – all cases and household contacts who are currently isolating can end their period of isolation after Day 7. Those currently in isolation will not have to complete their Days 8, 9 and 10 of isolation. This means that students can return to school on Day 8, providing they are symptom free.

Household contacts are required to isolate for the same seven days as the case. They can return to their normal activities on the same day as the first case in their household, so long as all test results have been negative, and they are not symptomatic.

Household contacts should continue to self-monitor for symptoms up to Day 10.

Household contacts will be required to take a self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT) on Day 3 and Day 7 of the case's isolation period.

If symptoms develop at any time during isolation:

- the usual advice remains in place, to undertake an additional RAT
- if the test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again 48 hours after that negative test
- if symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test until the required Day 7 test. If this is negative, they can return to daily life on Day 8.

If a household contact has new symptoms on the day of release:

- they should undertake an additional RAT and stay at home while unwell.
- if that test is negative and symptoms persist or worsen, test again after 48 hours. If symptoms resolve, there is no need for a further test.

If a household contact has finished their period of isolation, they do not need to return to isolation if a new case is identified in their household. However, **this only applies for a period of seven days** following their leaving isolation.

Should a new household member be confirmed as a case eight or more days after the household contact has left isolation, then they must start a new period of self-isolation for seven days.

GBS number of cases this week – We have had 17 cases this week. Our total cases at school over the last 4 weeks is 55.

GBS revised gate times – the school gates are now open from 8.30am for students **only** to enter. Classroom roll call is 8.50am prompt. If students arrive after 8.50am, they are 'late' and can only enter via the main gate on Godley Road (office) as all other gates will be locked. They will be issued with a late pass from the office. When students are late to school it affects their learning and as well, their lateness disrupts the classroom.

At the end of the school day we are finding that some students are being picked up well after 3.00pm making duty staff late to any after-school appointments. Please be on time to collect your child/children from school.

We ask that you always use the patrolled crossing on Godley Road, it may mean walking further, but your children are learning from your example, and other children are watching.

We have observed a few parents still doing u-turns and double-parking on Godley Road during peak times which is of a huge safety concern for us. We ask that you please refrain from doing this and be mindful of others, pedestrians and cars alike, we are all important.

A reminder also that Cajero Place residents need to have access to their driveways please.

Stay safe and take care.

On behalf of all the staff at Green Bay School, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our school.

Arohanui

He whānau kotahi tātou - We are one family



Anand Muthoo

Principal

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