

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou.

18 March 2020

COVID-19

There is lots in the media at the moment about the coronavirus and it can make us all feel anxious. We are guided by instructions from the Ministry of Education. At this point in time it is perfectly safe for children to attend Bankwood School as it remains open. Nano Girl has an interesting clip that explains what a virus is. This may help children to understand what is being talked about.

Under the guidance from the Ministry of Education we are:

- not having team or full school assemblies
- increasing the cleaning of high touch areas
- teaching/reminding children about the importance of washing hands before eating after using the toilet
- avoiding the use of high fives, hand shakes, hugs and hongi
- sending children home when they are unwell
- advising staff to stay home when sick

So that we can communicate with you can you please complete the sheet below. Return to school by Friday 20th March.

We will continue to communicate with you about COVID-19 by:

- newsletters (check school bags) and placed on the website
- class dojo
- email
- school website

You can also go onto the Ministry of Education website, www.minedu.govt.nz for up to date comments. Remember that all NZ schools are guided by the Ministry of Education.



Regards, Kay Cleaver, Principal.

**Please complete the form below and return to the office
by or Friday 20th March**

Child or Children's Name _____

Address: _____

Contact Numbers:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Protect

yourself and others against

COVID-19

Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow



Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag

Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser



Stay away from others if you're unwell



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Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)