



VISCOUNT SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

Kia ora koutou

With so much information and misinformation swirling around about COVID-19, I wanted to let you know that we do not have any cases of covid-19 in our school but if we get one in the future, this is what will happen.

1. the Medical Officer of Health and Ministry of Education will inform me about this, and we will work together to get quick and clear messaging out to you
2. it is likely we would be asked to close temporarily by the Medical Officer of Health. This will allow time for close contacts to be traced, appropriate testing to be undertaken, and a careful clean of the school to be undertaken. We would then reopen and let you know about this through our school website.

If our school does need to close temporarily, we have a plan in place to support student's learning. We have been preparing homework packs and we will give these to every child. We will contact you each school day to see how your children are going with this work.

In addition you can access work online: Seesaw if you have signed up for that, www. Sunshine on line (Log in Viscount Passwod Viscount or go to our school website for more places to access on line activities.

We know COVID-19 feels scary and we are all concerned for the wellbeing of your children. Please be assured that with no case confirmed in our school, your children are safe here.

Good hygiene is a priority at our school, and we are reinforcing this regularly with all students and staff. We know that practicsng good hygiene is still the best thing we can all do to prevent illness.

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Ngā mihi
Shirley Hardcastle

Principal

PS I have enclosed a diagram of symptoms which I hope you find useful

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	DRY COUGH	FEVER	RUNNY NOSE	SORE THROAT	BREATH-LESSNESS	HEADACHE	BODY ACHES	SNEEZE	FATIGUE	DIARRHOEA
COVID -19	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	~	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓	~
FLU	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✗	✓✓✓	✓✓
COLD	✓	~	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✗	~	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✗

✓✓✓ FREQUENTLY
 ✓✓ SOMETIMES
 ✓ LITTLE
 ~ RARE
 ✗ NOT

