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Covid Response Update Thursday 17th March 2022 - For Week 8

Dear Parents and Whānau

We have continued to average over 50 secondary student active cases and household contacts of Covid-19 in our community on any given day in the past week. We also continue to have a number of active Covid staff cases. This has affected our staffing ratios and our ability to offer a full onsite teaching programme.

For next week - Week 8 - 21st of March to 25th of March we have made the decision to continue our pre-planned systems of Hybrid Classroom Learning and Online Learning to ensure that we can still deliver quality education to our students as part of our Te Aroha College Covid-19 Response Plan. This will be the final week of this phase.

We ask for continued parental support to ensure students are engaged with their online google classrooms and are attending any set online lessons or meetings along with attending on their set school days. Please contact the Year Level Deans if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support through Weeks 5, 6 and 7 as we have continued our Hybrid Learning programme.

From Week 9 onwards we are working to attempt to return to on site learning for the full school. It is very important during Week 8 that all students complete any set work and use this critical time to prepare to return to school for on site learning from Monday the 28th of March.

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Smart Day selections for all students will also be taking place during Week 8 with the first Smart Day of this rotation set to run on Thursday the 31st of March. View the Smart Day Course Booklet here: <https://www.tearoa.school.nz/news/smart-day-booklet-rotation-One-2022>

On site safety

To ensure that everyone is able to remain safe while on the school site it is critical we all follow basic hygiene practices.

While on the school site:

- Students and staff must correctly wear a mask inside at all times
- Students and staff must regularly wash their hands
- Students and staff must use hand sanitiser when they enter every class
- Students and staff must ensure physical distance wherever possible

If staff or students are symptomatic

Students and staff with any cold, flu or respiratory symptoms **must stay home and get rapid antigen tested (RAT Test)**. These are available at the Spur Street Car Park Te Aroha pick up site 9.30am until 11.30 am daily.

Recording Absence due to Covid

If staff or students are a 'household contact' of a covid positive Covid case or test positive for Covid-19 they must stay home and self isolate following Ministry of Health Guidelines.

School Contact Required

Please phone Te Aroha College to let us know as students absentees must be coded correctly according to the MOE guidelines. For senior students any Covid related absence will not affect overall attendance and will allow for special assessment support if required.

Absence from Online Learning

If students are absent from online lessons please expect an email or call from the year level Dean reminding them to be online when required. Students who we have recorded as absent due to illness are not expected to participate in online lessons but work is still available if they are well enough.

Heather Gorrie

Principal

Te Aroha College

For the Week of Monday 21st March to Friday 25th March - Hybrid Day Plan for Week 8

Due to the significant number of staff and students away we will continue working with rolling year levels as outlined in Phase 3 of our Covid Response Plan which includes both Classroom Learning and Online Learning platforms.

- Monday 21st March Years 9, 12 and 13 attending
- Tuesday 22nd March & Wednesday 23rd March: Years 9, 10 and 11 attending

Thursday 24th March and Friday 25th March will be full online days (Tuesday timetable and Friday timetable) with everyone working from home with online lessons.

Thursday 10th March and Friday 11th March will be full online days (Friday timetable and Friday timetable) with everyone working from home with online lessons.

On Site Supervision

For any students under the age of 14 unable to be supervised at home on Thursday or Friday supervision will be provided at Te Aroha College. Students who have poor internet access can also work from school. Please phone the Te Aroha College office to arrange this so we can have supervision plans in place.

The school lunch programme is still available to students attending.

All Primary Technology (Manuals) classes will be running on Tuesday and Friday next week as we start to plan for our full return by Week 9

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact the Te Aroha College Office rjohnson@tacol.nz and she will be happy to direct you to who can answer these.

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