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Covid Response Update Friday 1st April 2022 - For Week 10

Dear Parents and Whanau

Thank you to all our fantastic students who have settled back into school during week 9. It has been great to have everybody back and to start our Smart Day programme.

For next week Week 10 - 4th April to 8th April

We will be on site learning from Monday to Thursday. Smart Day will run on Thursday.

Friday 8th of April will be an online lesson day

We see this as very important to support both staff and student welfare as the second wave of Covid infections moves through our school.

Covid Effects on Te Aroha College

As high Covid-19 Omicron infection rates continue in our community, our school attendance record shows that 40% of our students have either had Covid or have been family contacts and had to isolate. 35% of staff have also either had Covid or been a family contact.

We are also very aware that those returning to school who have had Covid are taking a while to recover fully and have ongoing symptoms of fatigue and concentration issues. Our Deans and school nurse are working with these students on individual catch up and support programmes.

Google Classrooms and home learning

There will still be students learning from home as either household contacts or sick with Covid in the coming weeks. Google classroom learning will be available for these students to ensure they can keep in touch.

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.

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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 Students or Staff 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 from 1pm until 3pm daily. The MOE has also advertised in the media that they will provide additional RAT tests directly to schools in the coming week that we will be able to offer to families. Please be aware we will not be testing students on site.

Recording Absence due to Covid

If staff or students are a 'household contact' of a Covid positive 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.

All Primary Technology (Manuals) classes will be running on Tuesday 5th of April and Friday 8th of April next week.

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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