



**Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL**

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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

The Board and School Leadership look forward to the students return on Monday 18 May 2020. With the return to school at Level 2 the government identifies that the risk levels are reduced with COVID-19 however we need to be vigilant to ensure the ongoing health and safety of all students and staff.

Because of the high risk level to students and staff if there was to be a case of COVID-19 within Ferndale School the Board and the School Leadership have decided that students who are unwell must be kept at home.

If a child/young person becomes unwell at school, the child/young person will need to be uplifted immediately. If the child/young person has flu or cold like symptoms including a runny nose, sore throat, headache and fever the Board and School Leadership will require that the child/young person undergo a COVID-19 assessment and to provide a negative result on this assessment before they can return to schooling on site. If a child/young person gets a positive result on a COVID-19 assessment they will be unable to return to schooling on site until they have a negative assessment for COVID-19.

Should a child/young person have any other illness the Board and School Leadership will require a medical certificate that clears the child/young person to return to school.

It is critical that we keep all students and staff safe during COVID-19 Level 2. The Board and Staff of Ferndale School appreciate your support and understanding.

Ngā mihi

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Board Chair

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