



**Te Matapuna Aroha – Te Matapuna Whakapono**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL**

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Kia ora Parents. Caregiver, Whanau,

Late last week I became aware that the school transport that is being provided will include students from other schools as per the normal runs prior to lock down.

On Friday I consulted with the Ministry of Education to try to change this for the beginning of Level 2 so that only Ferndale students would be on the transport runs. The ministry will not change this at the beginning of Level 2 as they believe there is limited risk at Level 2 and will be relying on Contact Registers for tracking and tracing.

I have asked as a minimum that our transport provider, Cross Country Rentals contact all parents/caregivers who have a child/young person on a run with students from another school so that you can make an informed decision on transport for your child/young person. Cross Country Rentals assure me that they have either spoken to all parents/caregivers who have a child/young person on a transport run which as students from other schools or they have left a message. If you have not been contacted by Cross Country Rentals this should mean that your child/young person is in a transport run with only Ferndale students.

If you have any concerns about your child/young person's transport run, please contact Cross Country Rentals on Ph 0800 467 3782. You can also contact Sandra Spekreijse on Ph (03) 355 7595 or myself on Ph 027 222 6645 or email [maureen.poulter@ferndale.school.nz](mailto:maureen.poulter@ferndale.school.nz)

If you would like to transport your child/young person to school, we can make an application for conveyancing which means that you would get a subsidy from the Ministry of Education for this.

Ngā mihi

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Principal- Tumuaki