



He Whānau Manaaki o Tararua
Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated

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Current alert level: Level 2

He Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens – COVID-19 update #7 for families

Starting back at kindergarten – Monday, 18 May

Next Monday, 18 May all He Whānau Manaaki Kindergartens will reopen and all of our tamariki will be welcome to return to kindergarten. Our teaching teams are really looking forward to seeing all of those wonderful smiling faces again!

To help support our families we wanted to share some information to help you prepare and so that you know what to expect when your child/ren return to kindergarten from Monday onwards.

Teaching teams are at kindergarten today and tomorrow getting everything organised for children to return on Monday.

Additional cleaning measures will be in place because we know that the most important thing we can do is continue to focus on hygiene and cleanliness. We will also continue to make sure children are washing their hands often.

The other important focus for us will be contact tracing – put simply, this means making sure we know which children have been at kindergarten and when, and which whānau or family member dropped them off and picked them up again. Teachers will be available to show you where and how you need to sign your children in and out each day.

As a gentle reminder, we would ask our families to be mindful of the amount of time spent at kindergarten when dropping off or collecting children. Parents are, of course, encouraged to come in and say ‘hi’ when they drop off and collect their children, but we would ask families to try and avoid gathering in large groups at the beginning or end of each kindergarten session just to ‘play it safe’.

We know that there may be some challenges for tamariki, whānau and staff as we transition back to kindergarten. Some tamariki may need extra time or support to settle back into kindergarten routines after so many weeks at home. Our teaching teams will work to support our tamariki and their families as we transition into this new way of being together again.

We really are so excited to finally be able to welcome everyone back to kindergarten next week, and we look forward to continuing to support each other as we move forward.

Kia kaha, stay safe, stay strong – and see you next week!