

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to hear today's news that as of 11:59pm on Sunday we are moving back down to Level 2 and that school will re-open on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. While we are hoping to see all our children back on this day, as happened before please know that whatever your decision for your family around the return to school at this time will be accepted and respected. All we would ask is that if you are choosing to keep your child(ren) at home that you let us know by the usual absence procedure.

From Monday, with the return to school of all staff, the format of the online learning will change. The Zoom/Google meets will finish and the children's online learning will become self-directed. There will be links on the school website they can choose from ([www.gladstone.school.nz](http://www.gladstone.school.nz)) and Home Learning TV can be used.

For students returning to school, we will be focussing on getting things back to 'normal' and making sure everyone at school is happy and comfortable, staff will be very vigilant in focussing on your children's well-being. Handwashing routines will continue to be a focus, with students washing or sanitising hands when they enter the classroom, before eating and after using the toilets. At this point the drinking fountains will again be out of use so we ask all students to bring a drink bottle to school. The taps in the classrooms will be used to refill these during the day.

Just a reminder, that over the duration of Level 2 we encourage you to keep your visits onsite to a minimum. If you do come onto the school grounds we will need you to register each time you visit. Last time we used Flexibuzz for this purpose, this time however we will be using the **NZCovid tracker APP**. There are notices at each entrance and on the entry doors to the Admin Office. It is very easy to do this. Alternatively, you can physically sign in at the gate. If you do need to come onsite it would be appreciated if you could keep your time on the school site under 15 minutes and maintain social distancing while here. Not the usual way we do things at Gladstone but at this time definitely the most responsible way to act while we are in Level 2.

### **How access to the school site will work while we are in level 2**

8:20 am – Monaghan/Seaview/Carrington Rd gates open

8:45 am – All gates will be secured. If you arrive late or need access to the school after this time, please come to the Carrington Road gate and phone the office on 846 9744.

2:55 pm – All gates will be opened.

3:15 pm – Gates will be secured when Road Patrol finishes.

**OSCAR** – Drop Off and Pick Up will be through the Seaview Terrace gate only. All other gates will be locked at 3:15pm.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support in this.

Take care and be safe and well

Kind regards

Dave