



Matamata Intermediate

17th February 2022

Kia ora koutou

This week has certainly been different to what we expected but, as with any challenging time, it gives us time to reflect.

My reflection is around the saying 'It takes a village to raise a child'. On Wednesday, I was meant to be taking my eldest daughter to the airport and say goodbye as she headed to University. Not long before I was planning on leaving school, I received notification we had a positive case of Covid-19. This is where the village comes into play - I called a friend to do the airport drop (and play the 'mum' role in sending her on her way) and I then focused on all we needed, as a school whaanau, to keep our students and staff safe. This process is detailed and includes a number of people; from our students, staff, families, Medical Centre, MoE, MoH and agencies linked to school. Although we are only in early stages of this journey, I am so appreciative of the understanding and response from everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to reach out with words of support and kindness both to us as a school and also to pass onto the family involved.

As we navigate the next few days, can I please remind you to check your emails and SkoolLoop, but also understand that we are also navigating new waters. Our aim is to keep you informed and to communicate with you as we receive new information or to clarify any questions. Please refer to previous, Covid related emails and the flowchart below to clarify different scenarios.

At times like this, there are often lots of questions. Please email me and I will respond when I can or find out an answer and let you know. My email is principal@matamataint.school.nz.

I am thankful for our 'village' as Matamata is a community who want the best for our children. At Matamata Intermediate, we will continue to focus on three areas: wellbeing, connectedness and inspiring learning and achievement! We recognise that our young people, no matter the circumstances they find themselves in, want to work toward their learning goals.

Ngaa mihi nui
Debbie Currie
Principal



2022 TERM DATES

TERM ONE

3rd Feb - 14th April

TERM TWO

2nd May - 8th July

TERM THREE

25th July - 30th Sept

TERM FOUR

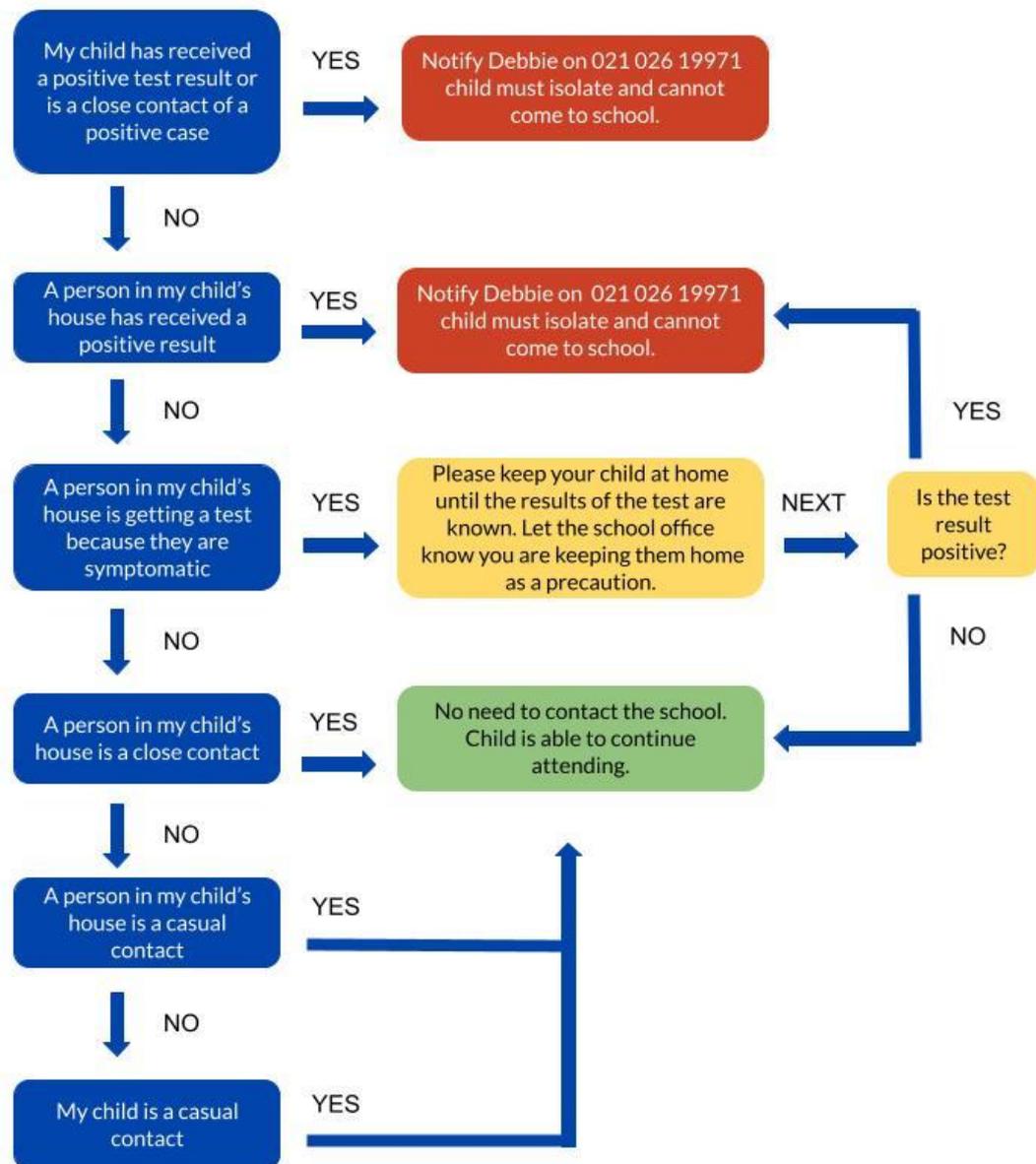
17th Oct - 15th Dec



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Who do I need to contact and should I keep my child at home?

The following flowchart will help you know who to contact at MIS if you have a positive case or when you should keep your child at home, as we continue to manage the guidelines set out by the Ministries of Education and Health.



The Skool Loop App allows you to let us know your child will be absent and keeps you up to date with notices and newsletters



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