

Pandemic Procedures

Purpose:

To ensure that as a community we have a pandemic plan in place as a component of our emergency planning

To ensure the maintenance of as full a service as possible for as long as possible during a pandemic emergency

To ensure St Bernard's School responds in such a way as to prevent the spread of contagious diseases

To recognise that a pandemic may come in several waves over a 6-8 month period

Guidelines:

- In the event of an outbreak of a pandemic, St Bernard's School will follow the Ministry of Health (MOH) and/or Ministry of Education's (MOE) guidelines and procedures.
- Parents will be updated regularly with information about a pandemic via newsletters, website notices and emails, as information comes through from MOH and MOE
- The school office will maintain a current contact list of parents' details and emergency numbers at all times
- In the event of a pandemic, the Principal and BOT will form a Pandemic Management Team
- The Pandemic Management Team will make decisions in accordance with MOH and MOE guidelines and directives
- School emergency/first aid supplies will include supplies needed in case of a pandemic
- Children will be reminded regularly that hand washing is the single most important practice in preventing the transmission of infections.
- Standard precautions covering all body fluids, secretions and excretions, except sweat, mucus membranes and non-intact skin will be taken at all times, not just in a pandemic

Links:

<http://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/emergencies-and-traumatic-incidents/pandemic-planning-guide/>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/emergency-management/pandemics>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n9NOEtm-v9XNuvO4wbioB0ytEr--5XYa/view> additional cleaning processes

