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Whānau News

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Covid Level 2 Announcement

You have probably heard by now that the Wellington Region (including Porirua) is in Covid Alert Level 2 from 6pm tonight until at least 6pm Sunday 27 June.

Our Level 2 procedure means children will be dropped off at reception and taken into the centre by a staff member.

This will also happen at the end of the day when you pick up. If there is nobody in reception please ring the bell and wait. If possible please text (022 325 0876) or call (04 238 9684) before you come so we can have the children ready for you.

Anyone at Little Adventurers' during Alert Level 2, must adhere to key health measures including:

- Good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette
- Staying away if unwell
- Keeping the appropriate physical distance from others (children and staff are not required to social distance from each other.)
- Cleaning and disinfecting our high touch surfaces daily
- Scanning of QR code posters at our entrances
- Staff dishing up meals for children instead of having a shared serving dish.

A copy of our Level 2 procedure is available at reception.

We know all these things will help to keep our community as safe as possible. Because of these measures, your child does not need to wear a face covering while at Little Adventurers'. We will of course support them should they choose to do so.

For those of you who might be finding things more difficult than usual, a reminder that there is a large range of support available for businesses and the community. We encourage you to go to the covid19.govt.nz for more information, or get in touch and we will help you to find the information and support you need.

Change of Hours

Through July and August, the Centre will be closing at 5:30pm on Fridays, to further support Staff well-being. The families affected by this have been consulted and support this temporary change of hours. We thank them for being so accommodating.

Coughs. Colds & Other Winter Ailments

Thank you to all the parents that have been keeping unwell children home so they can rest and recuperate.

For the health and safety of everyone at Little Adventurers' - even outside of Level 2 - if a child seems unwell parents will be called and asked to collect them and keep them home until they are well again.

As well as being beneficial to the unwell child this also benefits the other children, families and staff; by ensuring any spread of bugs is minimised.

Welcome to our Relievers

You may have noticed in the past few weeks we are having relievers in to support the team most days. This hasn't been as common in the past with regular teachers working extra days or longer shifts instead, when colleagues were away but some team members are worn out. Having relievers in is how we can support the team at the moment, to ensure they stay as healthy as possible. As we get through these winter months we thank you for your understanding and for helping the Relief Teachers feel welcome.

The Relievers we have been using have been interacting beautifully with the children – doing activities and reading books. At Little Adventurers' Relief Teacher's don't do intimate cares for children such as toileting, nappies or sleep routines.

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Confidential Notice to Centre Parents

There are some investigations happening at present which relate to incidents that have been reported to Amy (the Centre Director). Amy is working with Ministry of Education to ensure the best possible outcome for all involved and a quick conclusion to this matter.

We ask that people refrain from discussing this matter as rumours have the potential to create unnecessary anxiety for other families and staff that have heard the rumours. Investigations are in progress and at this stage no one knows the outcome of these.

Due to privacy requirements and ensuring a fair process for the investigations we cannot discuss the details of this matter, but we would like to reinforce the below points:

- All children at Little Adventurers' are safe and well cared for.
- Little Adventurers' is remaining open for many years to come.
- All staff (those working and those on leave at this time) are all being well cared for and supported.

Please don't assume staff on leave are involved in this. A number of staff are having time off for various reasons.

A further update will be issued to Centre Parents when there is something more we can say.

If you have any concerns or questions, you are welcome to email Amy on amy@littleadv.co.nz however due to privacy concerns many questions can't be answered at this stage.

Do You Know an ECE Teacher Looking for a New Job?

We are working with two recruitment agencies to source some additional teachers for the team.

If you know of a certificated teacher, qualified in either Early Childhood Education or Primary, who is caring, calm and professional, with a passion for the well-being and education of children please let them know we are hiring.

One role is full-time to replace Suzy who I am sad to say has decided to seek a new opportunity and finishes with us on 18 August. One role is to cover Sharon's maternity leave (full-time 12 month fixed-term). The third role is to have an additional person on the team and could possibly be 3 or 4 days a week, rather than 5 if the successful candidate prefers that.

The first half of 2021 has been just as challenging as 2020 was for many people, at Little Adventurers' and elsewhere. The team have been working very hard to take great care of the children and will continue to do so, as always.

Ngā manaakitanga,
The team at Little Adventurers' ELC