



Te Awamutu Primary School

Together Achieving Personal Success
Maa Mahi Tahī Te Eke Panuku A Teetahi



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SICKNESS AND CAMP

Kia Ora Whānau,

As I am sure you can appreciate we are not out of the woods with illnesses yet and it appears a second wave of Covid may be beginning. Please understand that if your child presents to school with an illness including but not limited to, tummy bugs, cough, cold, and flu symptoms, they may be excluded from attending camp. This is in line with the Totara Springs and our School's Protection Framework and is designed to keep the masses protected from illness. Obviously, this is not an outcome that we would like for any of our tamariki.

If anybody develops illness symptoms, (staff member, parent help or student) according to the Totara Springs Guidelines:

"If any attendees develop cold or flu symptoms during camp, they will be tested for Covid-19. They will be isolated in a single occupancy room (i.e. an available Motel or ensuite cabin). Once they have left, the room will be cleaned and sanitised"

"A designated isolation room will be set up for each group in preparation for a positive COVID-19 case. ● Those unwell before camp begins are to stay home. ● No guest, volunteer or team member is to come on-site if they have a cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms. Instead, they should stay home and call their doctor or Healthline on 0800 358 5453 for advice about getting tested. ● Guest leadership is to observe participants before arrival, checking for symptoms and asking those presenting as unwell to go home. Have a robust plan in place for all those involved if a student reports they are feeling unwell during an event. ● When a suspected case is identified, Totara Springs Management will: ○ Perform a Rapid Antigen Test ○ Call HealthLine to receive guidance ○ Inform guests & staff ○ Follow guidance "

In preparation for this, we accepted more parent help than required in case we were affected by absences, so there is no danger of camp not going ahead. We may be a Topa staff member down at present, but we are not sure yet. We will confirm closer to the time.

If your child becomes unwell during camp, please be prepared to come and collect them.

We thank you for your support in this and we understand that all whānau want to attend camp, but we have to make sure that everyone is kept safe and healthy.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Topa Team Leader, Sara Sabin, at saras@taps.school.nz

Kind Regards,

Sara Sabin