

Level 2 Guidance from PCFM:

The first “port of call” regarding recommendations and guidance for restrictions in level 2, should always be through the government website: [Alert Level 2 | Unite against COVID-19 \(covid19.govt.nz\)](https://covid19.govt.nz)

PRESCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS in Level 2 are allowed. This list below highlights what is strongly recommended when operating at Level 2 with preschool music groups:

- Limit to 100 (if a 2m distance between bubbles can be arranged within your space by use of mats/beanbags/other seating it is recommended, otherwise limit numbers to fit space)
- Have each participant scan the QR code and/or keep a record of all participants for contact tracing purposes
- Have hand sanitiser available
- Adults are strongly encouraged to wear masks – particularly with this type of group being more community-facing (and therefore, may include people you don’t know)
- Social distance as much as possible - it can be good to stay in bubbles where and when possible and 2m distance, realising this is very hard with preschoolers, so providing some guidance in the space is a helpful guide)
- Toys & books; limiting toys and books to items that are easiest to clean regularly (e.g. plastic rather than fabric items) would be suggested.
- Singing; some groups are and some aren’t.
- Refrain from a shared food plate (alternatively, serve each individual something already prepared safely at their seat/mat or suggest they bring morning tea along with them)
- Make it clear to your volunteers as well as participants to stay away if unwell

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMES in Level 2 are allowed. In general, please refer to the above list of recommendations for preschool music groups, taking note of those that apply. One possible addition would be to have a drop off/sign in desk near the entrance to refrain from too many parents coming into the space (however, that is not a requirement, only a recommendation).

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES in Level 2 are allowed. In general, please refer to the above list of recommendations for preschool music groups, taking note of those that apply. Again, one possible addition would be to have a drop off/sign in desk near the entrance to refrain from too many parents coming into the space (however, this is not a requirement, only a recommendation).

REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS for those working with children As you know, the government is requiring all those who volunteer and work with children in schools to be vaccinated by 1 January 2022. Many have asked if this also applies to those who work with children within our churches. While there is no requirement that volunteers within a church be vaccinated to work with children at this point, it is strongly recommended that all volunteers who are working with children and families be vaccinated as soon as possible. Please also refer to the Moderator’s most recent letter speaking to encouragement to get vaccinated.

If there continues to be a real concern or further guidance needed, please don’t hesitate to be in touch: robin@presbyterian.org.nz

Grace and Peace,

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