**Member response to call to take RATS and return**

Kia ora Principal

I acknowledge your email requesting that I undertake a RATs and return to school if the test is negative.

As a household close contact the MOH requirement is that I isolate at home for 7days and return to work on the 8thth day provided I have not tested positive for Covid. If I test positive for Covid I should remain at home for 7 days from that point, and until symptoms have gone and I test negative.

I request information regarding the Exemption process the school undertook to determine that I am required on site for the critical running of the school and therefore cannot remain working at home during this period of time.

I understand that a school should be considering all other alternatives before using the Exemption process and RATs to bring teachers back into the classroom. Information on this and the Exemption requirements are in the MOE bulletins and on the PPTA website.

Thank you for providing this information and supporting the Health and Safety of our teachers.