

# **RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL**

14 March 2019

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In the case of Oranga Tamariki, staff contact this service primarily in the interests of children's safety, and under the provisions of the Vulnerable Children's Act 2015. Other services are often a source of professional expertise to our staff, and support their capabilities in understanding and working with your children. We retain professional confidentiality in all our work and conversations with staff from these services. If however one of these services is needed to specifically support your child, your permission will be directly sought.

Our school enrolment procedures are being updated to include this information. For current students ALREADY enrolled at our school, we are using an 'opt out' approach to parental permission. If you do NOT want the school to share information with these services in the interests of supporting your child, please inform the principal in writing by Friday 22 March. Please be aware that certain information is required by law in the interests of child safety and is not covered by this agreement.

For more information, please contact Mike Farrelly and/or Prisca MacDonald

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