



Monday 31st August 2020

RE: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update Level 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Here is the latest update from the Ministry of Education re: COVID 19 Alert Level 2

We wanted to give you an update on some changes taking place this week and what they mean for your children and whānau. You are probably aware the Prime Minister has announced that face coverings will be required on public transport from today Monday 31st August, at Alert Level 2 and above.

This **does not apply to**

- *any child who is under 12 years of age.*
- *School transport (we have good systems in place to manage safety on school transport).*

Public Health officials have advised that

- *Children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings.*
- *Children and young people do not need to wear face coverings at school. Other public health control measures are in place including children and staff staying home if they are sick, contact tracing, and hygiene requirements.*
- *Face coverings are another way we can help keep ourselves and others safe, along with good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing when out and about.*
- *If your child is sick please keep them at home.*

We're continuing contact tracing by having QR code posters at school entrances, so please check in every time you come onsite.

If you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app [the Ministry of Health's website has information to help you do that](#). We'll also keep a visitor register for anyone who doesn't have the app and also for anyone who comes onsite for a period of time. This will help us with contact tracing in schools in the unlikely case it is needed.

If you have any questions about face coverings or anything else, please ask your school principal

Ngā mihi
Ministry of Education

In addition a note from our school:

Some parents have asked about Face coverings at Level 2.

They are not required as stated above, however your child is welcome to wear one as a personal preference if you feel it is necessary. In saying this you need to be aware that they are children and if a mask is to be worn effectively it is important that parents teach children how to wear one correctly and maintain other health practices eg: Make sure it covers the mouth and nose. Keeping it on at all times. Wash their hands regularly and avoid touching it. Not letting others wear it etc...