



Covid 19 - The 2022 Guide

Red Traffic Light Settings

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Mask Requirements:

- All students year 4 up to wear them indoors

For students in a year 3 & 4 class, the teacher will be wearing a mask. Year 3 students do not have to but are welcome to if they would like to

Staff will work with students around routines for minimising lost masks in the same way we would with sunhats and school sweatshirts!

- Staff working with students in year 4 up
- All visitors to school to wear masks indoors - if you have a mask exemption you will need to show this

Masks continued:

- We will endeavour to have a supply of spare masks in the event of a forgotten mask, however supply is hard to come by at the moment so we wouldn't currently have enough for all students year 4 up. We are working on getting more and the Ministry of Education is helping with this.
- Mask wearing on buses for year 4 and above will also be a requirement from 4th Feb
- Teachers will be scheduling in times to go outside during the day to give students a break from wearing their masks. They do not need to be worn in the playground

Ventilation:

- The Ministry of Education will be sending out CO₂ monitors to schools starting from next week
- In the meantime, classes will be having as much air flow through as they can with windows and doors open as much as possible as this is still an effective way to ventilate a space
- Students working in rooms with Air conditioning units, which are needed at this time of year also, will open windows and doors whenever students are not in the room (ie doing PE/Swimming/breaks) and whenever the air conditioner is not is use

Drop off and Pick up:

- We ask that you do not enter the classrooms in the morning or after school during the Red Traffic Light setting. The exception to this rule is for families of our new entrant students on their first day of school
- If you are entering the classroom, (with your new entrant child) you will need to wear a mask and scan in
- At pick up time, children will be ready to go at 2:45 and will be released to parents as the teacher sees them. This is to reduce the amount of people in the playground at the end of the day
- Please do not stay on site to play after school

If your family are isolating and not able to attend school:

- Modelling suggests high numbers of cases within weeks and that may mean disruption to schooling
- For students who are offsite due to isolation requirements, we will make available paper packs and online activities. This will not include Zoom sessions
- We will be sending out a paper pack as we did last year. This will be for a situation where our school is closed due to Covid, which hopefully does not occur. We will let you know when to use this.

School Events:

- Non curriculum events are limited (no full school assemblies)
- Inter school activities won't occur (eg sports)
- Learning Conferences will go ahead but public health measures will be in place (no vaccination proof requirements)
- Swimming at the public pool will still take place, at this stage Vaccination passes are required for students 12 and over
- Camps and trips can still take place

Communication:

As always, communication is key to ensuring we all know the information. We will be sharing all of our information on all of the platforms that we have available. That means you may get things three times but far better than not getting it at all.

To help us with this:

- Please download the school app -
- Like our Facebook page
- Make sure you update us with any change of address or phone number



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Wellbeing:

- This is always front of mind and will continue to be as we go through this next change in our school settings
- Staff will be working closely with students to ensure they feel supported and able to enjoy the new school year
- If you have any worries about any of the information covered in this update, please get in touch with either myself, Neil or Gaylene and we will endeavour to put your mind at ease

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Useful Links:

- Mask Wearing [video](#)
- [Covid Symptoms](#)

Above all else, take care of yourselves and your family and if your child is sick they should stay home from school.