

## **Covid Response Framework**

### **Orange Level 2022 - Guidelines for the Community**

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The Government announced that New Zealand will move to Orange from 11:59pm, Wednesday 13 April.

The decision to move to Orange has been made based on public health advice and reflects that New Zealand is showing clear signs that Omicron has peaked. As case numbers come down and our health system is more able to cope, it is appropriate to move to fewer restrictions.

The [COVID-19 Protection Framework \(the framework\)](#) helps to protect Aotearoa from COVID-19.

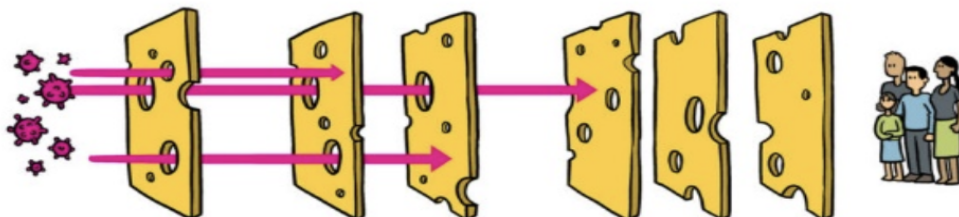
Based on overseas experience and local modeling, New Zealand has been preparing for an Omicron outbreak and as such, Cromwell Primary School has created this Covid 19 Response framework.

Evidence to date suggests Omicron has a greater rate of transmission, individuals tend to be infectious sooner after exposure, hospitalisation rates are lower and fewer patients had severe disease when compared with Delta.

It is not, however, a mild virus and there is little data on the severity among older age-groups and people with underlying risk factors (see [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#))

If you have any questions regarding the measures we are taking under the Orange traffic light setting, please get in touch with Matthew McCormick at [principal@cromprimary.school.nz](mailto:principal@cromprimary.school.nz)

Ngā mihi,  
Matthew McCormick- Principal.



### Bubbles



- *From Monday 3rd May, Cromwell Primary School will be behaving, effectively as one bubble. We will continue to have some additional measures in place to ensure we are minimising risk of further spread of COVID. Further details below.*
- *Within teams:*
  - *Teams (syndicates) will no longer be split in two, and can continue to teach and learn within the team.*
  - *Mask use for all staff and students year 4 and above will be encouraged, although not compulsory*
- *Across teams*
  - *Classes may choose to work across teams for learning opportunities.. This is permitted under the Orange traffic light system with some conditions as below*
    - *Interactions across teams must be held outdoors*
    - *Encourage social distancing where possible*
  - *Guitar, Violins, Student Council, Kapa Haka can go ahead across bubbles (across team Kapa Haka to be outside, within team can be held inside with mask use when possible)*



### Face Coverings (Masks)

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a face mask at Orange will be encouraged and supported to do so.

### What this means for our school

- Face covering will be encouraged and optional for all members of Cromwell Primary School.
- When you (parents) enter the school buildings for whatever reason, please ensure that you are wearing a mask. Please continue to enter via the front office, any time you wish to enter our school.



### Vaccinations

- Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy in managing the COVID-19 pandemic and can help reduce the risk of outbreaks.
- Please Note: We will not require evidence of a child's vaccination status.
- There are a number of websites available with resources that will help explain what the vaccine is, how it works and whether the vaccine is safe for young people.
- [Kids Health](#)
- [Health Navigator](#)
- [The Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)

### Health and Safety/ Hygiene

- Water fountains will be available to all children.
- Sanitizing and washing hands before and after using playground equipment and eating.
- Please ensure that you provide your child with a drink bottle and encourage them to drink plenty of water, especially if your child chooses to wear a mask.
- Staff and children will be sent home if they are showing symptoms.



- Hand washing/ hand sanitizer. All children will wash or sanitise their hands:
  - Before eating
  - As they come back into the classroom at any point throughout the day
  - After they have played with sports equipment
  - As they enter the school in the morning and as they leave at the end of the day

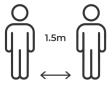
### **Morning tea/ Lunchtime Procedure:**

- Morning tea and lunchtime procedures require less protection measures under the orange traffic light setting. Below for further details:
  - We will no longer be sectioning off areas within the playground during breaks 1 & 2 and children are free to play within the approved playground perimeter. We do ask that children year 3 and above, refrain from entering the fenced junior playground.



### **Distance learning**

- Distance learning will continue to be available to students who are at home due to home isolation, awaiting test results, illness.



### **Social Distancing**

- 1.5m inside distance will be encouraged where possible.
- Exercise and singing will be held outdoors.

### **Visitors**

There are no restrictions on numbers of visitors on site at Orange.

#### ***What this means for our school:***

- We warmly welcome back all visitors to our school under the orange traffic light setting. The below requirements will continue to be followed.
  - All parents who come into the school buildings should wear face coverings.
  - All parents who come onto the school grounds, should be socially distanced.
  - All visitors must enter the school via the office.
  - Entrances to classes:
    - Harewa students will enter and exit their classroom from the exterior door.
    - All other classes will enter and exit their classrooms as normal.



### **Ventilation**

- Where possible teachers will keep doors and windows open. If the weather is undesirable (Heat, wind, Cold) then teachers may close doors and windows and turn on Air Conditioners (again, windows and doors open are preferable).



### **Start and end of school / Break times**

- All start and end of school times remain the same.
- All break times remain the same.
- Parents are encouraged to wait for their child outside of the school grounds at 3pm. Parents of children in Ako and Karearea, please pick your tamariki up from Monaghan Street, and parents of Harewa children are encouraged to collect their children from Molyneux Street, maintaining a 1 meter social distance.



### **Schools connected to a confirmed case**

- We will continue to follow the steps outlined in this [Link](#) in the scenario that there is a confirmed Covid case.
- Again, it is extremely important that all visitors sign in to the school via the office to ensure robust contact tracing is able to take place.
- Cromwell Primary School will update covid 19 numbers daily and post it on our website. Weekly updates will also be sent out via Hail.



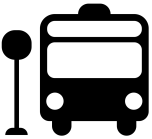
### **Events and Activities:**

At Orange, we can decide to have assemblies and other activities with large numbers of students.

If these activities take place, they should be in well-ventilated areas or outdoors. Masks will be worn for large indoor gatherings.

- For our school this means that Monday 'Start the Week' Assemblies will continue (outside) from 2:40-3pm. Classes will be grouped on the courts in syndicates with at least a 2 meter gap between syndicates.

### **Buses**



- At Cromwell Primary School, we utilize 3 buses for children to take to and from school.
- *Bus 1- to and from Bannockburn*
- *Bus 2- to and from Pisa Moorings*
- *Bus 3- to and from Lowburn*
- Students who are year four and above are encouraged to wear a mask while on the bus.