

Red Traffic Light System – Protocols

Kia ora Whānau,

We hope you have had a restful break and are looking forward to your children returning to school on Monday 31st January. As you will be aware the Omicron variant of Covid 19 has triggered a shift for all of New Zealand to the Red Traffic Light setting. In order to return to school safely there are a number of public health measures we will be implementing from the beginning of the year.

At the Red Traffic Light settings schools and kura are open with staff and students on site.

- Face coverings are required for all learners Year 4 and upwards when indoors or in close contact with others.
- Face coverings are required on school transport for learners aged 12 and up.
- Public Health measures such as hand washing and sanitising remain important.
- Physical distancing is encouraged. This will mean that activities that involve large groups of students meeting indoors will be avoided.
- Parents and caregivers dropping off or picking up students before and after school are required to wear a face covering and keep 2 metres distance from others. Where possible please use the kiss and go. Please use the QR code if entering the school site via the front gate.
- There are no non-essential visitors on site during the Red Traffic Light setting. All visitors, including parents and caregivers, if onsite should wear face coverings when on school grounds. If a phone call, email or google meet/zoom can be made in place of a physical meeting on the school site that is preferable.
- Please do not enter the classroom spaces, please drop the children off at the front gate or door.

Note: Parents of new students and new entrant students may enter the classroom spaces to settle children.

- Sport Canterbury has informed all schools that Sports Canterbury delivered or sanctioned events and competitions will be required to be fully vaccinated events.

As we work through the safety measures related to this new variant there may be events we have to modify, postpone or cancel due to the Red traffic light settings. On Wednesday this week we have a zoom meeting with the Christchurch Ministry of Education related to the updated Covid 19 settings for schools and we will continue to provide up to date information around this dynamic and changing situation as soon as we get it.

The best things we can do to keep our community as safe as possible is to get vaccinated (including boosters) and to stay away and get tested if we are feeling unwell. In the meantime please enjoy the last few days of the school holidays and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ngā mihi,

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