



COVID-19 Protection Framework - Orange Traffic Light Setting.

Community Communication

Kia ora e te whānau,

We begin Term 2 under the Orange Light setting of the COVID Protection Framework - this means some changes to several of our school processes as restrictions and requirements lessen across the country. These changes have been made with careful consideration of students, staff and whānau and under the guidance of the Ministries of Health and Education, New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) and in consultation with our Board of Trustees.

The list below includes all processes that are in place to mitigate risk - including any unchanged processes from the Red Light setting. Highlighted in orange are any areas that have been updated under the new setting.

I appreciate that this is a lot of information but we felt it necessary to give you one document that you can refer to. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with me directly: michaelh@silverdale.school.nz

Item	Detail
Physical Distancing	<p>Outside play times are identified as a low risk for transmission. However we will be reminding our students to keep out of each other's personal space bubble. Regular outside times will occur throughout the day.</p> <p>To minimise numbers of students out in the playgrounds at any one time, we will continue to have separate break times:</p> <p>Junior Timetable: Morning Tea outside play: 10 - 10.20 (followed by eating time) Lunch time play: 12 - 12.45 (followed by eating time)</p> <p>Middle / Senior Timetable: Break times are as normal. Morning Tea outside play: 11 - 11.25 Lunch time play: 1 - 1.45</p> <p>Teachers will be out on duties at all times engaging with students.</p> <p>No large groupings of students will occur in indoor areas and there will be no cross grouping of students between syndicates.</p>

Visitors on Site	<p>We are now able to welcome visitors back on site for short visits (i.e. for pick up / drop off times). We ask however that any visitors avoid going into buildings if possible. If a visitor must enter a building we ask that they wear a mask.</p> <p>For school events we may also be able to invite our whānau and community back on site if inline with current guidance - more information to come out later on this.</p> <p>Visitors who are onsite for longer than a few moments to drop off or pick up children, please sign in at the office.</p>
School Gates	<p>Both Barrie Cres and the Church Car Park gates will be locked throughout the day.</p> <p>They will only be accessible from 8.30am. Access to school will be only through the main gate (beside Rm 6).</p> <p>Gates will be open for the following times; Barrie Cres: 8.30am - 9.00 and 3.00pm - 3.15 Church: 8.30am - 9.00am and 3.00pm - 3.15</p>
Face Coverings	<p>At Orange - face masks are no longer mandatory. However public health advice suggests that we strongly encourage masks to be worn indoors and in particular for students and staff in rooms with learners in year 4 and up.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We continue NOT to have large groups of children and adults gathering indoors throughout Term 2.</p> <p>If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks be worn in classrooms for a time as a health and safety measure.</p>
Ventilation	<p>We have used the Ministry of Education self-assessment tool to review all our ventilation and assess all spaces with a CO2 monitor. All spaces where students and staff work and learn at Silverdale are able to be adequately ventilated to minimise the spread of COVID-19 (in accordance with MOE guidance).</p> <p>It is getting colder as winter approaches, but we must continue to keep our spaces ventilated. Heat pumps are able to be used but these do NOT bring in fresh air - doors and windows will need to be open. We will be monitoring the temperature of our learning spaces but please remember to send your children to school with a warm jumper or jacket.</p>
Distance Learning Programme	<p>It is likely that throughout the term a number of students may need to isolate at home. For students required to stay home due to public health advice, we will provide distance learning for these students.</p> <p>Our distance learning model will continue throughout the Orange Light setting where required.</p>

Events and Activities	<p>Syndicates can meet regularly outdoors - weather dependent. There are no large gatherings of students indoors.</p> <p>Short whole school gatherings will occur once or twice in the term - syndicates seated separately under canopy (weather dependent).</p> <p>There will be no mid assembly this year until we are in the Green Light setting.</p>
Good Hygiene and Cleaning	<p>Continue using and encourage good hygiene practices including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - regular hand washing/sanitising - cough and sneeze etiquette - hard surfaces and door handles will be wiped down and sanitised each day in line with Ministry of Health guidelines - classrooms will contain supplies of spray cleaners and cloths. Teachers and students are expected to generate a programme for wiping hard surfaces throughout the day, including if they have a water fountain outside their room. - open doors and windows - monitor - even when air conditioning units are on. Keeping your windows and doors open as much as you can to keep fresh air moving through your classrooms is the fastest and best way to ventilate a space. - The CrestClean team will be cleaning identified spaces daily to MoH guidelines. - Drinking fountains are able to be used however we encourage students to bring a named drink bottle at school. <p>Stay home if sick and get tested - any students showing signs of being unwell are to be sent to the office ASAP.</p>
Sickness	<p>Any staff or students who display cold or flu-like symptoms cannot be at school.</p> <p>Please, if you or your children are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice on your next steps.</p> <p>Any students with cold / flu like symptoms at school will come to our sick bay (temporarily located in the access bathroom between Rooms 8 and 9) and we will call for them to be collected from school ASAP. We will also send home several RAT tests for you to use.</p> <p>If your household needs to isolate due to COVID-19 and /or your child tests positive, please inform the school as soon as you are able.</p>
Taking care of yourselves!	<p>The Ministry of Education has some helpful information on their Parents and Whānau website to support your tamariki to get back to school. There is also a very important reminder about how you can take care of yourself.</p> <p>While this might all feel a little overwhelming at times, we know that all these measures will help our children return to school, reconnect with whānau and friends and do what they enjoy.</p>
Additional	<p>The YMCA After / Before School Programme will be able to operate at</p>

Information	<p>Orange - see their communication for processes.</p> <p>Lunch orders can be taken but will be done at the kitchen window by Room 1 - NOT the school office.</p> <p>If you need to speak to someone in the school office, please phone/email first rather than coming in where possible. 07 856 7604 office@silverdale.school.nz</p> <p>The office has temporarily relocated to the space to the right of the main gate as you enter school - same block as Room 5.</p> <p>All other contact details are available on our app and school website.</p> <p>Stay tuned to your email, school app and Seesaw for information as school processes change.</p>
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