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Kia ora e te Mātai Rangatira Whānau,

Term 1: Covid-19 Protection Framework (CPF) [RED Traffic Light setting](#)
Kia Kaha, Kia Maia, Kia Manawanui - Be Strong, Be Brave, Be Steadfast

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all. You, like me, were probably not expecting to start the school year with the CPF RED traffic light setting and all the requirements. However, we are open for onsite learning and will work hard to ensure everyone's health and safety is top priority, while delivering a quality teaching and learning programme for your tamariki. Below are key actions the school will endorse as part of MoH [Public Health Orders by Government](#) and [MoE directives and best practice](#):

- **Face masks are to be worn by Year 4, 5 and 6 tamariki and staff teaching these classes, or adults supporting learning in these rooms.** When tamariki are outside face masks can come off and social distancing is followed.
- **Stay at home if you are sick or unwell.** Call your doctor or Healthline 0800-358-5453 for advice about getting tested.
- Rm 1 is a composite Year 3/4 class and although the 6 Year 3 tamariki are not required to wear a face mask it is recommended to wear one in this class.
- Face masks are NOT currently required to be worn on the school bus to or from school. Tamariki may wear one if they like. Currently the MoE are looking to enforce mask wearing on school buses for Year 4 and up for consistency.
- **All adults entering the school site MUST wear a face mask, sign in using the QR code or register their name at the office contact sheet, use the hand sanitiser at the school entry and exit points and socially distance.**
- During School Operational hours, any adult working with children WILL be vaccinated.
- **Only CLASS swimming lessons occur** (not Teina or Tuakana lunchtime swimming). **School Community swimming key holders continue** outside of school operational hours following the contracted guidelines.
- During Term 1, **increased ventilation to classrooms will occur** - windows and doors open, more outside breaks etc.
- **Large activities with tamariki won't go ahead due to close proximity** - no school assemblies or events 100+, class swimming only, delayed Mihi Whakatau till Orange traffic light setting, and Kapa Haka occurring outside with 2m spacing.

Additional measures: [Cleaning & Hygiene practices](#)

- Tamariki use hand sanitizers coming in and going out of school, and when entering and exiting classes. Juniors in Rms 2 & 3 will wash their hands in the classroom basins instead of using hand sanitiser. Cough and sneeze etiquette into the elbow.
- Tamariki wash their hands before going to the toilet and after going to the toilet for 20 seconds.
- At the end of the day class desks and surfaces will be 'sprayed and wiped'. Regular cleaning also occurs.

Physical Distancing -

- School is a safe environment and personnel and parents/caregivers contact details are known. Remember the [moist breath zone](#). Tamariki will be shown this video again.
- School assemblies WON'T occur due to close contact, large numbers and reduced ventilation under the RED traffic light setting.
- People you don't know within the school environment, please keep a 2m distance.
- Outside of school please keep a 2m distance from people not known to you.
- Avoid physical contact like handshaking.

Vaccination for Covid-19 -

- Tamariki aged 5 - 11 are not required to get vaccinated, but encouraged to ([see the MoH vaccination information](#)).
- All staff who are in contact with students on a daily basis during school operational hours are fully vaccinated.
- No EOTC events will occur off-site during the RED traffic light setting or large gathering for sport greater than 100.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi nui,

Ed Trotter
Tumuaki/Principal

Additional information and website links for the RED traffic light setting:

Red

Action will need to be taken to protect both at-risk people and protect our health system from an unsustainable number of hospitalisations.

Schools and kura are open for on site learning for all students.

Schools are prohibited from requiring students to be vaccinated to access education. This includes parents, caregiver and whānau supporting students and their learning.

Vaccine requirements for parents coming onsite

You cannot prevent parents and caregivers coming onsite to support their child's education. Parents or caregivers who are dropping off, picking up or settling their children, or who are attending meetings or events on site are still permitted to attend on site whether they are vaccinated or not.

The vaccination requirement also does not apply to those who are performing services remotely or who are onsite only when children and students are not present.

The requirement to be vaccinated is only for those people who are working for the school, which includes those undertaking unpaid work such as volunteering.

To minimise congestion, parents and caregivers should be encouraged to do drop offs and pick-ups from outside the school grounds. Some will still need to come onsite, for example to settle in a new entrant into class. They must wear face coverings in these instances and should be encouraged to remain physically distant from others, especially when indoors. MoE School Bulletin 25 January 2022

MoE -

[**Guidance for Schools and Kura**](#)

[Traffic Light System - Covid Protection Framework - RED](#)

[RED light setting - what it means for schools](#)

[Face coverings in Primary Schools](#)

[A3: CPF Key things that schools and kura need to know](#) [PDF, 111 KB]

[Unite against COVID-19: What is the CPF? Detailed framework](#)

[How to wear a face mask for tamariki](#) aged 8 and above

[COVID-19 symptoms](#)