



Kia ora koutou,

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

### **New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework**

You may have heard that everyone in Aotearoa will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December. Our region will be moving to Orange.

**Schools in Alert Level 2 have been asked by the Ministry of Education to remain under Alert Level 2 settings until 1st January 2022.** This means that we don't have to change the way we are operating this year and everyone can continue to attend school onsite without routine changes at this late stage of the year.

For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting we are in under the new Traffic Light Framework. This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022.

### **Health measures in place at school**

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation.

If we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13

If we were to have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and would contact you as soon as possible.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit [COVID-19 Protection Framework for Education](https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/COVID19-files/Schools/CPF_SchoolsKura_A3_ENG_FINAL.pdf) ([https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/COVID19-files/Schools/CPF\\_SchoolsKura\\_A3\\_ENG\\_FINAL.pdf](https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/COVID19-files/Schools/CPF_SchoolsKura_A3_ENG_FINAL.pdf)).

Ngā mihi,

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