

Moving to Orange: Finlayson Park School

14 April 2022

Dear Parents,

Kia ora koutou,

You'll be aware that Minister of Education Chris Hipkins has announced the move to Orange at 11:59pm Wednesday 13 April.

The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

I wanted to give you an update on what the move to Orange means for our school.


- Face masks are no longer required at school, but on public health advice masks will strongly be encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings.
- Visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.
- If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks are worn in classrooms for a time.
- Students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include well-ventilated indoor spaces, good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing when possible. Staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

We look forward to seeing all our students back at school on 2nd May, Term 2. Have a lovely and safe holiday break.

Ngā mihi,



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