

# CENTENNIAL PARK SCHOOL

“Live Truly”



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## **Traffic Light Covid Change from Red to Orange**

Kia ora e te whānau,

This afternoon, the Minister of Education Chris Hipkins announced the move from the RED traffic light system to Orange (at 11:59pm tonight).

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. The Gov't and Ministry of Health are seeing that cases are declining. Some of this is due to levels of vaccination and others due to natural immunity after infection. There may also be a smaller number of people reporting in the positive cases so we may not have the actual true indication of covid 19 positive cases in our local community.

This paanui is to give you all an update on what the move to Orange means for our kura.

At Orange the Ministry of Education have said face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. 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, continue to wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds. For now, with one more day to go in Term 1, we will continue to encourage all tamariki and staff to wear masks.

We ask that your tamariki continue to bring a face mask to kura every day during Term 2. At this stage for a start we'll see how numbers of positive cases are looking locally and then decide what is in the best interest for us all and the wearing of masks.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school buses 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 ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

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

Many thanks whānau for your continued support and keeping us informed with your child's wellbeing. On behalf of our Staff, BOT and community, please continue to stay safe and well. We wish you all a safe Easter and wonderful holiday break.

Ngā manaakitanga

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