



## Update to parents – 21 February 2022

### COVID-19 Red Level Setting

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou. Thank you all for your support as we manage the increasing spread of the Omicron variant and try to keep everyone safe. We appreciate what you are all doing to ensure that sick children stay at home and get tested. This message reinforces what we need to continue to ensure we can support our community through this.

#### **Notifying us if a positive result is returned for a student**

To ensure we can communicate to our families in a reasonable timeframe we ask that all families notify us if their child returns a positive PCR (Nasal swab) Covid test. Please email the following information to [office@henley.school.nz](mailto:office@henley.school.nz) as soon as you receive the positive test, you don't need to, and shouldn't, wait until school is open.

- Name of child and classroom.
- A screenshot of the positive test result text message (for confirmation).
- Date of onset of symptoms.
- Last day of attendance (this will save us a step).

This information will allow us to assess whether your child was at school while infectious, and who their close contacts were so we can then communicate with those affected and provide the information they need. This information will be treated in the strictest confidence and no personal information or details will be passed on.

A reminder that whanau will be expected to self-manage their isolation and contact tracing in their own households/friends/extended whānau if they return a positive test result (this includes for all after school activities including after school care providers and sports). This website will help you - <https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

We remind our families that Year 5/6 children continue to be required to wear face masks and that the rest of our students are encouraged to do so as well.

We also remind parents and other visitors to the school that masks are required to be worn while on school grounds. We would also appreciate any queries be made with a telephone call to the school office whenever possible rather than a visit. The school phone number is 03 544 8904.

This is an ever-evolving situation, so we will do our best to keep you all informed and maintain as much normality as we can for the sake of our wonderful students.

Kia kaha.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**John Armstrong**  
**Principal**