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Kia ora koutou katoa

New long-term strategy for COVID-19

You will be aware that New Zealand will move to a new, long-term approach to COVID-19. These changes have been made based on public health advice and reflect high levels of immunity and declining case numbers across New Zealand.

This new approach will only result in minor changes to the way we operate.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākongā who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

Mask wearing is no longer required, however we respect that some adults and students may wish to continue wearing masks.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

We are excited to have parents and whānau back into classrooms, reconnecting with teachers and staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our community.

Ngā mihi
Natalie Doty
Acting Principal

Tiaki ōku taonga. Protect that which we treasure.