

Churchill Park School

Welcome to Term 2



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Term 2.

I hope you have enjoyed spending family time with your child(ren) over the past two weeks and have managed to soak in the beautiful weather. Whilst I love being with my children over the holidays the non stop role of 'entertainment coordinator' is one I am happy to step down from with the return to school :) It makes me truly appreciate all that teachers do in creating engaging and motivating experiences for our children.

As the sun is still shining sandals can be worn until the end of week 3 where winter shoes will then be expected to be worn. Just a reminder children and parents can use any entrance to come into school now that we have moved to Orange and school will end at 3pm for all students.

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 remind you of the update on what the move to Orange means for our school.

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school and are a personal choice for students and teachers. 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, wear a mask on school grounds. Whilst parents are welcomed back on-site we ask that you do not enter the classrooms in support of mitigating any possible risk to our students.

We also ask that your child (if they are Year 4+) continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask, too – for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. 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.

At Orange, 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 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 school life that is a bit closer to normal. If you do have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact myself, mariet@churchillpark.school.nz or alternatively Vicki Patten vickip@churchillpark.school.nz or Anne-Maree Beveridge annemareeb@churchillpark.school.nz .

I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and getting to know the Churchill Park community.

Ngā mihi,

Marie Todd
Principal