

7 March 2022

Dear Parents,

Wearing of Face Masks

The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health have directed that all Staff and students in our **Year 4 – 6 classes** must wear face coverings at school when we are at Red Alert. In light of the current surge in positive cases, Owairoa Primary School wishes to add a further level of protection by **encouraging all students in Years 0 ~ 3 to also engage in mask wearing at school**. All staff engaging with students are also requested to wear mask indoors and preferably outdoors.

Public health advice is that an appropriate face covering will fit snugly and seal well around facial contours. This can include single use, disposable masks (medical masks) and re-usable fabric masks with three layers. Don't worry if you don't have these specific types of face coverings, as public health experts say that any **face covering is better than no face covering**.

From experience, we have discovered that adult masks are not really suitable for children, as they are usually too wide and do not seal properly on the face.

We are offering **three different varieties of KN95 masks specifically designed for children** for purchase .

These are available via our Kindo School Shop on myKindo.co.nz or via the myKindo app.

Alternatively you can simply go to the link <http://kindo.owairoa.school.nz/> to register for Kindo if you haven't already done so.



An additional bulk pack of masks will be available on Kindo as soon as the supplier can deliver.

Help us to help keep your children safe.

With kind regards,

Alan McIntyre
PRINCIPAL