



13th September 2022

Dear Parents,

NEW LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR COVID-19

New Zealand will now 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.

Covid-19 Response: The Next Phase

- **Students who test Positive** for Covid-19 need to stay home to isolate for 7 days
- **Students who are Household Contacts** no longer need to isolate, but need to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Students who have a daily negative test result and do not have Covid-19 symptoms should continue to attend school
- **Mask wearing** remains optional at school (and will be supported) for those who choose to wear them

We are continuing with all of the recommended health and safety measures, which play an important part to help reduce transmission of infectious illnesses including Covid-19 at our school and keep everyone as safe as possible.

These measures include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough/sneeze into elbows and most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have Covid-19 symptoms.

For more information and any further updates, please see our Covid Notification Page

www.owairoa.school.nz/recent-news/covid-notification/

The health and wellbeing of our students, staff and community remains a top priority. Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our Owairoa 'Family'.

Kind regards,

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