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## Orange Traffic Light Setting and Building Work at School

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Kia ora everyone,

I hope you have had a lovely Easter and are now enjoying the holiday break with your children. I want to start by apologising for the mess and disruption that you will find at school, due to the current building work. At present, we don't have a staffroom, Hub or office space in the dental clinic, as work is being done in these areas. Our hall is also out of action for normal use, as we have Rooms 5 and 6 working in the hall, until they are able to return to their classrooms. We also have lots of scaffold up around many parts of the school. This has meant that access around the right-hand side of the school (near the dental clinic and behind Rooms 5 and 6) will be blocked for a few weeks. Children and parents will have to either enter the school around the back of the hall, or through the main office area. All going to plan, most of the building work should be completed within a few more weeks, and then things can return to normal, plus we will have an improved school site!

The move to the Orange Traffic Light setting under the Covid Protection Framework has meant some changes for when we return to school in Term 2. One of the exciting things for us is that we can welcome you all back on site this term. Feedback from Teachers on the first term is that if there were any silver linings or lessons learned, it is clear that some of our students developed great independent habits around managing self. i.e. walking into school, unpacking their belongings and getting ready for the day. It would be great to see these habits continue.

## **Keeping Well**

- Covid is still in our community, please continue to stay home if unwell and keep your children at home if they are unwell
- Regular hand washing remains a priority. Soap will be available in all bathrooms and hand sanitizer is available for everyone to use.
- Adequate ventilation is also key, while the heating will be on at school this term please ensure your child has adequate clothing to stay warm throughout the day.
- If you have had your tamariki vaccinated and are happy to give this information to the school, please email Kathie in the office at office@frasercres.school.nz

## Parents/Visitors

- Parents are welcome into school
- If you are visiting school between the hours of 9am and 3pm, please sign in and out at the office
- All parents, caregivers and whānau are encouraged to wear face masks while they are on site

## **Masks**

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However, public health advice is that masks continue to be 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 encourage visitors to the school, parents and whānau to wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask at orange will be supported to do so.

Kind regards and thanks for all your ongoing support.

John Channer Principal