



GREEN BAY SCHOOL

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New COVID-19 Protection (Traffic Light) Framework

You may have heard that everyone in Aotearoa will move to the new COVID-19 Traffic Light Framework on Friday 3 December. We will be moving to **Red**.

Elimination and the alert levels have worked well, with New Zealand having the lowest numbers of cases and hospitalisations in the OECD. While controlled, Delta is in our communities and the strategy now focuses on minimising its impact.

With 85% of eligible New Zealanders now fully vaccinated, and by mid-December it is expected to be approximately 90%, this allows a careful reopening while continuing to protect New Zealanders.

This means that we don't have to change the way we are operating classes this year and everyone can continue to attend school on-site part-time.

For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be back on-site for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in (Red/Orange/Green). This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022. We will also keep you posted on any developments that may happen in the interim.

Health measures in place at school

This year and next, health, safety and well-being will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with, will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation

And if we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for staff and students in Years 4–8
- only essential visitors will be able to come on-site

With all these measures in place, public health has confirmed the risk of infection remains low when at school, with households continuing to be where COVID-19 is spreading the most. However, if we do have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and will contact you as soon as possible.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit [COVID-19 Protection Framework](#).

Ngā mihi

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