

COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK (CPF)



Dear Whanau and caregivers,

You have received this information to assist with starting our school year in the new **Red Traffic Light System**. At this stage it is difficult to predict how the emerging Omicron variant will continue to impact on our school community however this table highlights the strategies that we will be implementing to keep everyone safe under RED. We will certainly need your cooperation. This plan will be updated and amended from time to time as requirements from MoH/MoE dictate and our understanding of the new Traffic Light System unfolds. Thank you for your understanding and for helping keep everyone as safe as we can.

Ngunguru School RED Traffic Light Plan (as @ 27 Jan 2022)	
Facemasks	<p>If parents enter the school grounds and administration area, they must be wearing a mask unless they have an exemption.</p> <p>Students and teachers are required to wear masks at school from year 4 up. This is a requirement. There will not be draconian and officious policing of this requirement as we seek to support students to manage this transition as best as we are able. This will include how to wear them and how to take them off safely. We will also be implementing oxygen breaks at regular intervals.</p>
Vaccinations	<p>All staff (including relievers) in contact with students are fully vaccinated, and boosters are required 183 days after their 2nd vaccination shot and by 1 June 2022. NS keeps a record of the vaccination status of all staff. New staff must adhere to the vaccination mandate before hiring. School volunteers must be fully vaccinated, e.g., Trip helpers, in-class assistance, camps. While children are present, contractors on-site must be vaccinated (except when required in an emergency). Regular contractors/volunteers will record their vaccine status with the office (e.g., RTLB). Whānau picking up, dropping off, or settling children DO NOT have to be vaccinated and are all treated as unvaccinated. We will not request or keep any information on Parent or Student vaccination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please note Ngunguru is not a site for school based vaccinations, shows or vaccination promotion programmes.
On-site Parent Meetings	<p>All on-site parent meetings must be pre booked with masking and the appropriate social distancing in place.</p>

<p>Communication</p>	<p>Email, our new Facebook page and our Skool Loop app will be the primary mechanism for communication (Community Posts) in the coming weeks. Just go to the App Store or Play Store and search for 'Skool Loop'. Install and follow instructions. Please give us a ring if you are having any difficulties.</p>
<p>School Grounds</p>	<p>We would prefer that parents do not enter the school grounds. Ideally, we want families to arrange to meet outside school grounds at a designated meeting spot that does not create any social distancing issues with other adults/whanau. However, if you need to enter the grounds to drop off your children, you are welcome to do so. Do not enter the classrooms.</p> <p>When entering the school grounds, you must register on the COVID TRACER App. We will have QR Codes everywhere! Please use them.</p>
<p>School Buildings</p>	<p>Any parents, whanau and casual visitors cannot enter any school building (other than the Administration Area). You must also sign in at the office if you enter the Admin Area</p>
<p>Drop offs</p>	<p>Please do not drop off at classrooms unless it is essential. Parents must not enter the classrooms when dropping students off. Teachers will be waiting outside the classrooms from 8.15 until 8.30 am to 'meet and greet' (hopefully the weather will be kind!).</p> <p>Please observe physical distancing and do not approach other parents or enter into their spaces.</p>
<p>Pick-up</p>	<p>Parents must not enter the classrooms when picking students up.</p> <p>Teachers will be waiting outside the classrooms from 2.25 until 2.35 pm to 'meet and greet' (hopefully the weather will be kind!)</p> <p>To help with congestion. New entrants -<u>Manaia and Bus students will finish at 2.25.</u> All other students at 2.30</p> <p>Please observe physical distancing and be mindful of entering into another adult's personal space.</p> <p>Parents, when in the school grounds please;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid standing in groups. This is purely a pick-up. • Observe the 2m spacing rule as per supermarkets etc. • Do not stay at school to play on school equipment after/before school.

<p style="text-align: center;">Bus Services Operating</p>	<p>Buses continue to operate as per normal except that all students who are 12 and over must be masked. This is likely to drop to year 4 in the near future.</p> <p><u>Preparing for disruption</u> It is important that caregivers are prepared for the possibility that our school transport service could be cancelled due to driver shortages at some point over the next few months.</p> <p>Please think about your own plan for transporting children to and from school in the event of our school transport not operating.</p> <p>Contact tracing is operating, and staff will be noting all children that have used all bus services. Please ensure your child understands the importance of this process and do not board the bus without being checked off by a staff member.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Admin and Office Area</p>	<p>We are discouraging parents and whanau from visiting the admin area unless it is essential.</p> <p>We hope you will undertake most tasks via the phone, email or internet banking etc.</p> <p>There is a limit of 3 visitors in the Admin area at any given time. Would you please queue outside if necessary</p> <p>If you enter the Admin area, you MUST sign in for contact tracing purposes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Tracing for Parents and Adult visitors.</p>	<p>All parents and caregivers must scan or sign in as they enter the school Codes should be everywhere for you to scan!</p> <p>If you enter the Admin, you must sign in/out.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Students Absences</p>	<p>If your child is away from school, please use the standard mechanisms to contact the school regarding their absence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email your child's Hub/teachers 2. Email the office: office@ngunguru.school.nz 3. Leave a message on the school answer phone 04 4343 805

Case Management	<p>Cases of COVID-19 at MVS will continue to be managed across all levels of the framework. NS would work with the MOE following public health guidance, to identify who may need to self-isolate and get tested. This means that Hub/class Groupings and associated staff may not attend school for some time as they are isolating. In this case, Hard Copy Learning packs will be provided for those students self-isolating. Online learning will be provided when it expected that students will be away for 10 plus day. Staff isolating (but not sick) will work at home to support distance learning and administration for their teams.</p>
Social Distancing	<p>According to scientists, schools are safer for young people because they do not catch or pass on COVID-19 to the same degree as older people.</p> <p>It is the adults who are the more significant risk factor, and it is the adults that need stricter management procedures. Hence, most of our controls are focusing on the behaviours of adults in the school setting.</p> <p>MoE advice is that children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other, coupled with good hygiene practices and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces. There does not need to be a specific measurement, but where practicable, 1 metre can be used as a guide, particularly between adults. Practice should be sensible.</p>
Break Times	<p>Break times will remain the same. No masks need to be worn outdoors.</p>

Student Health & Illness

We continue to be taking a firm stance on keeping the school population healthy. We will send any child who is sick or showing cold/flu-like symptoms home. We ask that parents with two or more children adopt the ‘*One Sick, All Sick*’ rule during Level RED.

Furthermore, we would ask that if adults in your family have been identified as ‘*close contacts*’ that you keep your children at home until everyone has passed their COVID test.

School staff will observe students arriving at the classroom, checking for symptoms and those presenting as unwell will be sent home. Please note, this does not mean that temperatures are to be taken en masse. Although we now have several digital thermometers.

A reminder that Principals at state schools have authority to preclude a student from attending if they believe on reasonable grounds they may have a communicable disease under section 19 of the Education Act – see [Guide to Legal Powers](#)

Home/Distance/Online Learning

Under Traffic Light Red Teachers will **not be** providing any home/distance/online learning programmes unless we have in-school cases.

Our teacher’s primary focus while in RED will be their in-school programmes.

Senior Leaders are working through plans for school infection. Please be assured we will be ready to provide quality online programmes for your children should they be required to stay at home.

Assemblies and Gatherings

Large gatherings are not allowed under RED settings

<p style="text-align: center;">School Cleaning</p>	<p>Cleanliness is going to be a significant focus over the coming months. As we all want to have the cleanest and most hygienic school that we can affordably have.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our cleaners will have an increased focus on toilets and hard surfaces-lino floors, tables, doors, windows, chairs and other furniture etc. • Hand sanitiser to be provided in all classrooms as per need • Teachers to focus on handwashing and student personal hygiene etc.
<p style="text-align: center;">Swimming</p>	<p>At this stage, swimming under RED is able to go ahead. We will plan for this with vaccinated parental help.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Interschool Sports Events</p>	<p>At this stage, interschool sports events under RED are on hold. The MoH and MoE have indicated that this activity can continue under Alert Level Orange, but there will be limitations.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 7 & 8 Technology at MVS</p>	<p>At this stage, Technology under RED level will continue.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Senior Camps</p>	<p>At this stage, we are planning for camps under RED level to continue.</p>