



# ROSS INTERMEDIATE COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN OMICRON

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| <p><b>Office and Visitors</b></p>    | <p>Social distancing in the office is managed as practically as possible..</p> <p>All parents / essential visitors / contractors <b>MUST</b> enter the school via the office, no exceptions.</p>   |
| <p><b>Classroom Protocols</b></p>    | <p>Hand wash or sanitise before eating and when entering a new space.</p> <p>Students are to remain at their designated desk where possible for learning and for eating.</p> <p>Desks to be wiped down at the end of each day and before eating.</p> <p>No trips or EOTC for any classes or groups.</p>  |
| <p><b>Lunch in Schools</b></p>       | <p>Lunch will continue as normal. Higher hygiene regime for staff and students. Teachers distribute food in class.</p>   |
| <p><b>Playground Protocols</b></p>   | <p>Students should not be making contact with each other in a physical way ie. hugging, team tag etc..</p> <p>Drinking fountains are turned off.</p> <p>These will be continually reviewed to reflect our local situation.</p>   |
| <p><b>Other School Protocols</b></p> | <p>No school or house assemblies. Other school programmes continue as usual.</p> <p>Hand wash or sanitise when entering a new space.</p> <p>Access to Ross is restricted to authorised persons only.</p> <p>Students that are not well are to remain home. If they fall unwell at school they need to be collected immediately.</p>  |
| <p><b>Staff Protocols</b></p>        | <p>Staff with concerns about attending work should talk to Wayne.</p> <p>Support students and ensure protocols are followed.</p> <p>If staff are considered close contacts to any infection they need to advise the school immediately.</p>  |
| <p><b>Use of Masks</b></p>           | <p>Everyone wears a mask when indoors unless they have an exemption.</p> <p><b>STAFF:</b> This needs to be a Medical Grade Mask. This is due to the fact that we are in a Vaccine mandated workplace. The school will be providing these for staff. The school provided mask must be worn unless you have an approved alternate..</p> <p><b>STUDENTS:</b> All students are required to provide their own face covering. A limited number of masks will be available in each classroom. There is no required uniform mask.</p> <p><a href="#">Resource: Mask wearing for kids</a></p> <p>Students do not need to wear a face covering during PE Sessions.</p> <p>Where a student refuses to wear a mask, without an exemption, we will contact home and require the student to be collected.</p> <p><b>MASK EXEMPTIONS:</b></p> <p>Any parent wishing to have their child exempt is required to meet with the Principal (or delegate). A pass will be issued for the student to be able to wear or show if asked.</p> |
| <p><b>Outside Groups</b></p>         | <p>The school is closed to all outside groups and bookings.</p>  |
| <p><b>Vaccinations</b></p>           | <p>Anyone from the age of 5 plus can now be vaccinated against Covid-19. At this stage we do not require information regarding students' vaccination status.</p> <p>We support the advice and messaging from the Ministry of Health in this area.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Vaccinations Continued</b></p>                              | <p>There are a number of websites available with resources that will help explain what the vaccine is, how it works and whether the vaccine is safe for young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Kids Health</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Health Navigator</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Immunisation Advisory Centre</a></li> </ul> <p>Staff and adults supporting our school learning programmes need to have had a booster within 6 months of their 2nd dose. If you are already 6 months then you have until March 1 to achieve this.</p>   |
| <p><b>Managing Learning and Absences (Off Site Protocols)</b></p> | <p>We are a team, flexible, supportive, all decisions being made are in the best interests of student and staff learning and safety.</p> <p><b>The following will be deferred to T2:</b><br/> Friday Programmes<br/> Staff PD Programme<br/> Specialist Inquiry Learning Support / Extension</p> <p><b>Potential to Defer</b><br/> Staff release<br/> Super Sports and School Sporting Commitments (depending on codes)</p> <p><b>STAFF ABSENCES</b><br/> We know that, under Red, there is a strong possibility of higher absence rates. Our number one priority is maintaining the integrity of our Core Learning and Specialist Inquiry Programmes. This may require staff to help support student learning outside their usual responsibilities.</p> <p><b>WHEN DO YOU STAY HOME</b><br/> Follow the latest Ministry of Health guidance and advice.</p> <p><b>SUPPORT WHEN CONNECTED TO AN ACTIVE CASE</b><br/> <a href="https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/advice-for-schoolskura/schools-connected-to-a-confirmed-case/">https://www.education.govt.nz/covid-19/advice-for-schoolskura/schools-connected-to-a-confirmed-case/</a><br/><br/> <a href="https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/COVID19-files/Schools/Managing-COVID-19-A-public-health-toolkit-for-primary-and-intermediate-schools-and-kura_7-December-2021.pdf">https://assets.education.govt.nz/public/Documents/COVID19-files/Schools/Managing-COVID-19-A-public-health-toolkit-for-primary-and-intermediate-schools-and-kura_7-December-2021.pdf</a></p> <p><b>RESOURCES FOR STAFF (MOE Links)</b><br/> We are awaiting this support material</p> |
| <p><b>EOTC (including Camps)</b></p>                              | <p>We cannot require evidence of a child's vaccination status. Nor can a child be excluded from education outside the classroom (EOTC) based on vaccination status.</p>  |
| <p><b>Ventilation</b></p>   | <p>Windows and doors should remain open to create ventilation while in the class.</p> <p>Doors to be closed/locked when you are not in the class.</p> <p>Due to the summer weather, during Morning Break and Lunchtimes classroom Heat Pumps should be run with windows closed to create a cool environment when returning to the classroom. If your room remains hot due to these requirements then you may also operate your Heat Pump for additional cooling.</p> <p>We are treating the Gymnasium as an outdoor environment if the doors are all open. Extraction Fans should also be operational.</p>   |
| <p><b>EAP Services and Support</b></p>                            | <p>All teachers, regular relievers and support staff across kura and state and state-integrated schools are eligible to access these services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You'll find further information about these EAP services on <a href="#">our website</a>.</li> <li>• Or if you have any questions call 0800 327 669/1800 726474 or visit the <a href="#">EAP website</a>.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>Student Absences</b></p>                                    | <p>Where a parent chooses to have their child absent, offsite learning resources are provided to engage with. Visit <a href="#">our website</a> and the student hub for more information.</p> <p>Where a child is required to be absent - students demonstrating Covid-like symptoms are required to remain at home. Please refer to latest Ministry of Health guidance and advice as well as most recent communications from the school.</p>  |

**IMPORTANT:** These guidelines are subject to change based on government advice at the time.