

St Joseph's Catholic School

“Excellent Education befitting our Catholic Character”



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Kia ora koutou,

To our St Joseph's School Whānau,

You'll be aware that New Zealand will 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.

The very positive news is that household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, students who are household contacts but test negative and **do not** have COVID-19 symptoms should continue to attend. School is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends.

Information on how to get RAT kits can be found here: [Request a RAT– Ministry of Health](#)

Mask wearing is no longer required inside while at school. Anyone is welcome to wear a mask if they wish to.

All the other recommended public health measures will stay in place as we know they reduce the spread of infectious illnesses including COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene, encouraging everyone to cough or sneeze into elbows and, most importantly, staying home and getting tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in protecting our school community over the last 2 ½ years.

It is great to see school life returning to normal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or need any support: principal@stjosephs.co.nz

Stay safe and God bless,

Ursula Hall
Principal