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COVID update

Kia ora koutou,

I wanted to give you an update on some changes taking place next week and what they mean for your daughter at TGC.

You are probably aware the Prime Minister has announced that face coverings will be required on public transport from next Monday, at Alert Level 2 and above. This does not apply to any child who is under 12 years of age and does not apply to school transport (we have good systems in place to manage safety on school transport).

Public Health officials have advised that children under the age of 6 should not wear face coverings. Children and young people do not need to wear face coverings at school. Other public health control measures are in place including children and staff staying home if they are sick, contact tracing, and hygiene requirements.

If your child doesn't need to wear a face covering but they want to, that's fine.

Face coverings are another way we can help keep ourselves and others safe, along with good hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing when out and about and staying home if we are sick.

We're continuing contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances, so please check in every time you come onsite.

If you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app [the Ministry of Health's website has information to help you do that](#). We'll also keep a visitor register for anyone who doesn't have the app and also for anyone who comes onsite for a period of time. This will help us with contact tracing in the unlikely case it is needed.

As I announced again at assembly, we have face masks for those students who wish to wear them by choice. At present, approx. 10 students have taken up this opportunity. Guidance staff, whanau teachers, deans, SLT and the wider teaching staff continue to support students during the 'new normal' and as a school we also continue to emphasize keeping everyone well and have plenty of sanitizer/soap in classrooms or bathrooms. Should you or your daughter wish to speak to any of our pastoral team, please do not hesitate to contact any one of them.

Thank you to those who took that opportunity at our recent face to face or zoom parent teacher interview (Te Ara Ako) to discuss your daughters learning and her well being.

Ngā mihi nui

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