

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, **we are instructing our Year 3 – 8 students to continue wearing masks when we return to school next term.**

**We will continue to exclude parents from the school site unless they are visiting the school office, have a pre-arranged appointment with a teacher or are coaching a sports team after school hours.**

We have managed to keep the spread of Covid very low within the school. This has resulted in minimal disruption to school operations and lower than average student and teacher absences.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to your understanding and continued support