

## Return to School Protocols

**We are very excited to welcome students and staff back to in-school learning on Monday, February 8, 2021. We have missed seeing everyone!**

Now that we are able to re-open, we need to ensure that we stay open. This means that things will run very differently than in the past. With this in mind, please find below protocols that are now in place to limit unnecessary exposure outside of cohorts. We expect ALL families to follow the steps below to ensure that all students can continue to attend in-school learning.

- Ensure that you review the Covid-19 symptoms check list each day.
- **If your child is not feeling well in any way, keep them home.** This is mandatory. We cannot have ill children in class, and we cannot have ill children in the office waiting to be picked up.
- Please do your best to ensure students arrive to school on time. Staff and students have additional contact with each student that arrives after the bell. The morning bell is at **8:50am**. If your child is late, they must line up with the pylons out front to ensure distancing, until a staff member lets them in. This also means that it will take longer than usual to enter the school, which may affect attendance.
- Avoid, as much as possible, booking appointments during school hours. Additional coming and going during the day increases student and staff exposure.
- Pack ALL winter clothing in student backpack so that they have it available each day. Include extra mitts and socks in case one pair gets wet.
- Pack shoes each day.
- Pack extra masks (ideally 3) for your child each day.
- No items are to be dropped off to the school during the day. If a water bottle is forgotten, we will provide a cup to the student for the day. If homework is forgotten, please reach out to the teacher for alternatives for submitting it.
- There are to be no gatherings on school property (playground or on front yard) prior to, or after school. Parents are asked to drop students off, or pick them up, and leave school property immediately – no exceptions.
- Masks are to be worn at all times on any part of school property – no exceptions.
- Ensure all items are labelled with first and last name. We do not have lost and found this year, and want to ensure all items are returned, otherwise items will be discarded.

We thank families in advance for your cooperation. We know the above steps are strict, however, it is very important that they are followed. We are open, and we want to stay open, and that is everyone's responsibility.

**Welcome Back!**