

## Mount Albion Elementary School

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January 14, 2022

Re: Return to in person Learning on January 17th.

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

We are looking forward to having our students returning to in person learning next week. As we prepare for this transition, I would like to share some updated protocols for our return.

**Daily Covid Screener:** Screening: Families are required to complete the Covid 19 symptom screener each day before your child attends school. All students from Kindergarten to grade 6 have been provided a paper copy of a calendar. Please initial this calendar every day and place signed calendar in your child's agenda. Students in grade 7 and 8 will be completing the online screener every morning with their teachers. It is imperative that you do no send your child to school if they are symptomatic. Any child who develops symptoms throughout the school day or arrives with symptoms will be required to be picked up along with any siblings to go home.

**Returning Devices:** Parents who have borrowed devices for their children during school closures are asked to return devices to school on Monday morning. Please label the device, charge cable and block with your child's name so that we can record the device as being returned to the school. If your child will be taking advantage of the Temporary Excusal (see below), their device still needs to be returned to the school on Monday. Parents can drop off the labelled items between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m..

**Remote Learning:** Our parent portal is open from January 13th-20th for parents wishing to switch their children to Remote learning for the remainder of the year. There will no opportunity to transition back to in-person learning again until next September if you opt in for Remote Learning. Also, this will be the only opportunity given for switching to remote for the remainder of the year. Any requests for changing to remote after the portal closes on January 20th, will not be granted.

**Temporary Excusals:** We recognize that some families will not feel comfortable returning their children to in person learning for the next few weeks. HWDSB is offering a modified, two-week Temporary Excusal to families who wish to keep their children home until Covid



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cases have settled. Should you wish to have your child temporarily excused from school, please connect with the school office (<a href="mailto:mountalbion@hwdsb.on.ca">mountalbion@hwdsb.on.ca</a>) to request a temporary excusal form or print the attachment and email a copy to the school. Students who are temporarily excused from school for a short period of time will be given access to asynchronous learning through the following link:

https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/elementary/elementary-remote-learning-2021-22/learn-at-home/.

This means that families can print off worksheets to complete at home with their child(ren), but will not be receiving work from the teacher or be connected with a device to the regular school day.

I hope that you keep safe and well and I look forward to seeing many faces returning to school on Monday, January 17th

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. Giardino Principal

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