

January 9, 2021

Return to school - January 11th, 2021

Dear Dorset Families,

Our team is preparing for the reopening of classes on Monday, January 11th. Your child's safety and that of our staff is very important to us. Because of this, we will be vigilant (as always) with our procedures to keep everyone as safe as possible.

To ensure a safe and positive return for all, please **carefully review** the following prior to sending your child to school:

Covid-19 Protocol

- Any child who has been tested positive for Covid-19 must remain home and the parent must notify the principal immediately.
- Any child not feeling well must remain home, monitor symptoms, and call 1-877-644-4545. Please err on the side of caution if there is any doubt.
- Any child who presents symptoms at school (as per the government guidelines) will be removed from his/her class. Parents will be contacted, and a prompt pick-up will be required. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Any child who is living with someone who tested positive OR is awaiting results must remain home.
- Any child who has been in contact with someone who tested positive OR is awaiting results must remain home.

As of Monday, January 11th, face coverings are mandatory for students in Grade 1 - Grade 6 as per the new government directives recently announced:

- Students in Grades 1 - 6 must wear a face covering at **all times** outside of the classroom which includes hallways, bathrooms, phys.ed, music, drama, travelling to and from outdoor play and in the bus. Grades 5 and 6 must also wear their face coverings within the classroom. Wearing of face coverings are also mandatory during daycare hours.

Although not mandated, we encourage our Kindergarten students to follow this protocol as well.

- Face coverings must fit properly (covers nose and mouth snug) and be clean upon arrival each day. If possible, please **send at least one extra clean face covering** in a ziploc as once they get damp, they are no longer effective and can be uncomfortable for students. If possible, please send in an additional ziploc for your child to put his/her used face covering as well.
- Exceptionally, the school will provide a replacement face covering in the event that a child's face covering does not meet the above criteria and parents will be notified so they

can rectify this situation in a timely manner. All students **must** come to school prepared for this new government directive daily.

• Please ensure your child has their face covering on as they enter the bus and as they are dropped off at school in the morning as not to create any delays.

Thank you for your diligence and continued support.

Safety for all is our priority.

Enjoy this beautiful day.

Dorset Elementary School