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Dear ST Worden Families,

As you are probably aware by now, we will be returning to in person learning **on Monday, February 8th, 2021**. I know that you share the same excitement as we do to welcome back your children to their regular school routines.

I highlight, in this letter, mandatory protocols to be aware of and to review with your child before returning on Monday.

- Masks are now mandatory for Grades 1 through 12 students, and highly recommended for Kindergarten students.
- Masks are required for outdoor activities including recess as we cannot ensure adequate distancing.
- Please, if you can, send your child with at least two masks in case one gets soiled or damaged. Masks with valves are not allowed at school.
- Students must not gather in groups during breaks, and before and after school. Students should arrive shortly before the start of school and return home directly after school.
- Distanced and with their mask on, students are to enter the school grounds from the east side gate **at 9:05 AM**.
- Students are to line up properly distanced.
- Primaries are dismissed in a staggered way **starting at 3:20 PM** at the east gate. Junior and intermediate students are dismissed at the back of the school yard **at 3:30 PM**.
- Families are encouraged to please wear masks and distance at drop off and pick up. If you are waiting at the pathway on the east side, please wait at the farthest side of the grass, as far away as possible from the fence. Thank you for helping us ensure no group gatherings.
- In addition, health officials remind families that, for everyone's protection, students must continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Every morning before heading to school, please complete the daily self-assessment for symptoms, available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

We trust that all students will follow through with the above requirements, which are part of our code of conduct. To keep everyone safe, we will be soliciting families' support if there are any compliance issues. Please speak with your child about following all staff direction regarding steps directed by the local public health unit such as distancing, wearing their mask properly, washing/sanitizing hands and not gathering in groups.

On a different note, we have a few students who are a flight risk. To ensure their safety in the yard, we have extended the fence and included two gates. Gates should remain closed. We have also installed a gate at the parking lot. Students are not to use the parking lot to enter or exit school grounds.



Lastly, please note that all students who have borrowed technology devices, are asked to return it with them **on Monday morning** in their back packs. School staff will retrieve them in the morning from their classroom.

I thank you always for your partnership and continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at sanaa_soussan@kprdsb.ca.

In partnership,

Sanaa Soussan