

SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOLS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC:

Below are some safety protocols at our school for all students and staff to follow during this time of the Covid pandemic to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus within our school and community:

- Daily Self Screening
- Wearing a mask while in the school
- Maintaining physical distance from others
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing hands
- Not sharing materials with other students
- Remaining in class cohorts during breaks

Daily Self Screening :

We remind families and staff that it is extremely important to screen themselves for possible symptoms of COVID-19 every morning, before heading to school. Please use the Ontario government's updated, online self-screening tool for this purpose. It will help you make an informed decision about whether you should attend school, consult a health care provider, or get tested for COVID-19. The new self-screening tool can be completed online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Masks:

The type of non-medical mask worn by students must be a reusable cloth mask or a disposable surgical mask.

- Masks should be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping
- Masks should fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops
- Masks should be made of at least two layers of tightly woven materials (such as cotton or linen)
- While being worn, masks should not be touched, moved around or adjusted often
- Masks should be changed if damaged, wet or soiled
- Hands should be sanitized before putting on a mask and after taking the mask off
- If needed, extra masks are available at the school

Maintaining Physical Distance

- To reduce the possibility of the spread of COVID 19, it is important to maintain 2m physical distance from other students and staff while in the school hallways, foyer and on the school property.
- Directional signs are located on the floors in our hallways and classrooms. Please follow these directional signs while moving throughout the building to help us all keep our physical distance and prevent congestion in hallways/classrooms
- Some rooms within the building have a limited student capacity to maximize physical spacing. Please follow the maximum capacity of these areas/ rooms (for example, washrooms, main office, other office areas).

Frequent Handwashing

- Students must sanitize their hands upon entry to the school (sanitizers are available in the classroom and main foyer area)
- Wash or use sanitizer when arriving at school, before and after eating or drinking, after use of the washroom, after being outside, coughing or sneezing, when removing or putting on masks.

No Sharing Materials with other students:

Please do not share any materials with other students (for example, pens/pencils, textbooks, technology)

Drinking fountains, refill stations and personal water bottles:

All drinking fountains will be closed. Students are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle to school. Refill stations will be open for students and staff to fill their own water bottles.

Class Cohorts

- Each class is considered a cohort of students and it is important to remain in your class cohort.
- Students should proceed directly to their classrooms upon arrival into the school. It is important that students remain in their classrooms except when exiting the building or accessing the washrooms/water refill station. Students should also remain in their classroom until they are departing the school for the day.
- Students are encouraged to stay in their classroom during break time (5 minutes only) however, if you leave the building to go outside during break, please stay in your designated class cohort location (always maintaining physical distance while outside on break). Masks must be worn until you have exited the building, and must be put back on before re-entering the building.

New Registrations and Visitors

By Appointment Only.

Please call the school (905) 623-6505 for registration information and forms or any other inquiries and we will be pleased to get back to you!

Thank you!