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Ms. K. Kumar, Principal

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Good afternoon Sir Samuel B. Steele Families!

Our first week of in-person learning went well and we had a smooth transition back to school. It is critical that we work together ensure the safety of our school community. In this newsletter, I have focused on some important safety protocols as we need your support and partnership in keeping our school community safe.

Please see below for our current and new health and safety measures:

TDSB Student Health Pass

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our schools, is for [students](#) to screen themselves daily for any symptoms of COVID-19 and also follow the circumstances in which they should stay home. The update is that everyone in a household must now complete the updated COVID-19 screening daily. It is critical that your child's [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) dated and signed every day and they have it with them at the morning entry time. Without the health pass, the students will not be able to join the class until it is signed by the parent/guardian. We kindly ask you to make this part of your family's morning routine to keep our school community safe.

Dressing for the Weather

As the winter weather is upon us and will continue for the next few months, please send your children prepared for the weather and to spend time outside. Teachers will also endeavour to take their students outside as much as possible and to provide opportunities for them to take a break from wearing their mask so appropriate clothing for the weather, including rain, is essential. Toronto Public Health is recommending that the children experience outdoor play on a regular basis for both physical and mental well-being. Please see the attached file for more details.

Parking Lot

During pick-up and drop-off times, please park your vehicles on the street, as the parking lot is only for our daycare and school staff use. When parents use the parking lot for dropping off students, it not only creates traffic congestion and delaying the staff from entering school building on time, but also contributes to some serious safety concerns as we see children walking through the parking lot.

Parents Entering the School

If there is a situation where a parent or caregiver needs to enter the school, they will need to sign in and be screened at the office so that tracing information is provided and can be made available to Toronto Public Health if requested. Please do your best to call the school ahead of time if you are hoping to enter the building. Please ensure that your child leaves home in the morning with all necessary items to get through the day (e.g., lunches, indoor shoes, extra clothes, etc.). On the rare occasion that a “drop-off” is absolutely necessary, please call the school first in inform of your intent, wear a mask and leave your labelled item (student name and room # or teacher’s name) on the table inside the main front doors on the right when entering.

Thank you and have a great weekend 😊

Krishna Kumar