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## TOM LONGBOAT JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Andrea Chisholm, Principal

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Dear Tom Longboat Families,

Welcome back! We are so exciting to be starting the new school year. As you all know, this September will be different than previous years. However, we want to assure you that our staff is working hard to provide a safe learning environment. We have many new safety measures and protocols in place that will support this goal. Your patience and understanding as we work through current procedures and possible unexpected changes is greatly appreciated.

Tom Longboat has undergone significant changes to our in-person enrollment. Approximately 40% of our students have enrolled to participate in online learning from home, and 60% of our students will be attending in-person. This has resulted in significant changes to our staffing and organization of classes. We are continuing to finalize these details.

If your children are attending the Elementary Virtual School this year, you will be contacted by them for further information.

If your children are attending Tom Longboat in-person, please make note of the information below. These families will be notified of your child's class and teacher prior to the start of school by Tom Longboat staff.

There are a number of operational procedures that we will be slightly different this year at Tom Longboat.

### **Masks**

- All students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 are required to wear masks that cover their nose and mouth
- Please ensure your child knows how to safely put on and take off their mask before starting school

### **Entry Dates for Students:**

#### **Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Senior Kindergarten
- Grade 6

#### **Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Junior Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Grade 5

## Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>:

- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4

## School Entry/Exit Times:

8:40 – Entry Time

11:25 – Lunch Dismissal

12:25 – Entry Time

3:10 – End of Day Dismissal

## Daily Screening Procedures:

### 1. Self-Screening at Home

- If your child is feeling ill, DO NOT send them to school
- Contact the school's Safe Arrival Line **(1-833-250-2290)** prior to 8:30 a.m. to report your child's absence
- The Self-Assessment for COVID-19 symptoms is attached to this letter, and can be found on our Tom Longboat website

### 2. Screening Prior to Entering Tom Longboat

- Students will line up with their classroom on the pavement markers to ensure social distancing of 2 metres
- Students will be screened **EVERY DAY** by staff **PRIOR** to entering the building
- **Students will therefore not be permitted into the building until the screening has been completed.** During inclement weather, please insure your child is dressed appropriately (e.g. Rain boots, splash pants and umbrella on rainy days) as they will be waiting in line to be screened.
- Staff will be asking students the following questions based the screening from Toronto Public Health:
  - Do you have any of the following:
    - Fever
    - Cough
    - Difficulty breathing
    - Sore throat, trouble swallowing
    - Runny nose or eyes
    - Loss of taste or smell
    - Not feeling well, tired or sore muscles
    - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
  - Have you been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
  - Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?
- If your child answers "yes" to any of these questions, parents will be asked to take their child home and self-isolate right away. Parents are asked to call Telehealth or your health care provider to find out if you need a COVID-19 test
- If a child develops symptoms while at school, they will be brought to our Wellness room, and a parent will be called to pick their child up immediately.

## **Lunch**

- Students who are staying for lunch are asked to bring their lunch every day at the beginning of the day
- Parents are asked not to drop off lunch in order to minimize the number of people entering the building
- Students are asked to bring litterless lunches and are not permitted to share food, drinks or utensils
- **Please ensure your child knows how to open all containers that you send for lunch**
- Students who go home for lunch will be dismissed at 11:25, and are asked not to return until 12:25 to ensure social distancing from peers

## **Hand Hygiene**

- Students will be expected to use hand sanitizer every time they enter or exit the building, and also their classroom
- Students will be expected to wash their hands several times during the day

## **Water Bottles**

- Students are asked to bring their own water bottles filled at home to use throughout the day

## **Clothing**

- Please ensure your child knows how to dress themselves and fasten all clothing. This includes ensuring your child knows how to tie shoes if you are sending them in shoes with laces. Please do not send young children to school in pants with zippers or buttons unless they know how to undo or do up these items.

## **Visitors**

- Visitors are not permitted into the building at this time
- If you need to access the building to pick up a child who is ill, please phone the school first to let us know you are outside (416-393-6610). You will then be asked to complete a self-screening at our screening station.
- If you need to book an appointment, please contact the school, and a telephone or virtual appointment will be scheduled

## **Outdoor Clothing**

- In order to maximize the amount of fresh air available to our students, classes will be spending a significant amount of time outdoors
- Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with the proper footwear (e.g. outdoor shoes, rain boots, snow boots), clothing (e.g. warm pants and sweaters) and outer wear (e.g. splash pants, snow pants, coats, mittens, hats)

## **Technology**

- For those families who borrowed technology last school year when we were learning from home, you are asked to keep the technology until we receive further direction from the TDSB

As additional information becomes available, we will continue to share as appropriate. We will send out another email before school starts outlining our first day procedures.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work together to ensure a safe start to our school year.

Sincerely,

Andrea Chisholm  
Principal