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Dar Parents/Guardians & Students,

I am writing this letter with the happy anticipation of our return to school! As you are aware the government announced that in- **school classes in Toronto will resume on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. Whilst we all look forward to our return, we all must be continuously mindful our individual responsibilities to ensure that our return is done so in a safe and preventive manner. One that we allow us to continue teach/learn in a safe Covid-19 free setting.

To that end students and staff are asked to ensure that they adhere to the following safety protocols:

- **Complete the Self-Assessment screening each morning** to check for any symptoms outlined on the Self-Assessment chart. Attached is a copy of the updated chart. **DO NOT come to school if you has answered YES to any of the questions.** Instead keep your child at home and call Telehealth or your health care provider to find out if you need the test.
- **When arriving to school be prepared to complete the screening be screening again** with a school staff member. For students who have a cell phone they can download and use the NOW screening ap. Completing the screening questions prior to coming to the front door will allow the scanning of the result much faster than asking the student the indivual questions. This in turn will allow for a faster entry into the school building.
- **Follow the prevention measures:**
  - **Wash or sanitize** your hands frequently,
  - **Watch your distance** - stay at least six feet/two metres from others as much as possible,
  - **Wear a well-fitting mask,**
  - Follow the direction signs posted around the school
  - Adhere to the restricted numbers for students being in any one area i.e. washrooms, classrooms etc.
  - Continue to follow the above measures when you leave the school building .
- **Mask breaks:** When taking short mask breaks outdoors or indoors or to eat lunch/snacks, ensure that physical distancing is maintained. When lining up to re-enter the school ensure that your mask is on.

**REMINDER:** Stay Home if you have answered yes to any of the questions on the self screening form.

## What Can Parents/Guardians Do To Help?

**It's Simple** - please reinforce to your child the importance of following the prevention measures both in school and during their commute to and from school.

### Switching from In-Class to Remote Learning

For those students wishing to switching from in-person to remote learning for Quadmester 3 if you have filled out the google form but would still like to make the switch please email our Head of Guidance Mr. Vujacic at [christopher.vujacic@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:christopher.vujacic@tdsb.on.ca) **by this Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, 2021 with your request to switch to remote. Please note that once you begin class as a remote student you will not be able to attend "in person class" for the entire quadmester (as was the case for students who were in virtual school). This is to ensure that we limit the chances of contraction and to maintain our ability to track covid-19 cases by cohort.

Finally, just a reminder about some key dates:

- **Quad 3:** Feb. 8 - April 20
- **Quad 4:** April 23 - June 23
- **Course Selection choices must be entered into MyBlueprint by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to discuss the important contents of this letter with your child(ren). In closing I would like to wish you a happy Family Day when it comes on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. As always stay safe and be well.

Sincerely,

*Donna Drummond*

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