

Ottawa, December 9th, 2021

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE: Holiday break preparations**

Dear parents and guardians,

We hope you are well. The approach of the vacation break is certainly felt in the classrooms and perhaps within your family as well. Here is some important information that will help you ensure proper preparation for this well-deserved break.

### **Antigen screening kits**

As indicated in our letter of November 25th, the Department of Education will provide all schools with rapid antigen test kits. It is therefore planned that each student will receive a kit of 5 screening tests that can be done at home during the holiday break. Your child's participation in this rapid antigen test is completely voluntary. Students will not be required to take these tests and present the results when they return to class in January.

### **Celebrate Safely**

As the holiday break approaches, the Ontario government has issued recommendations on gatherings and events. We invite you to consult them ([follow the link](#)).

### **International travel**

With the evolution of various emerging variants that present themselves, travel advisories are also changing and these changes may affect the requirement to quarantine after a trip abroad. If you are planning a trip abroad, we ask that you regularly review [federal government guidelines](#) as requirements may still change.

### **REMINDER - Travel of unvaccinated children**

As a reminder, unvaccinated children who are exempt from quarantine because they have travelled with a fully vaccinated adult cannot return to school or child care for 14 days following their return. We ask that you make arrangements with your child's teacher if your child will be away for several days.

I thank you for your continued cooperation and wish you a wonderful weekend with your family.

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