

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Thank you all for helping the first week of school to be a positive experience as we helped students adjust to some new procedures and routine. As a school we were able to meet on Friday and we all agreed that the students were very respectful and did their absolute best to ensure the classroom was a safe place and all of the rules were followed.

From our meeting we did have a few pieces that we wanted to clarify and remind parents about:

- **Please do not allow student to bring toys or sporting equipment to school.** Toys are not allowed to be brought from home under the Alberta Health guidelines we are working within.
- **Please ensure that your student has a mask with them.** Foothills School Division released a new document to clarify mask use in schools which is attached. We ask that all students have a cotton mask with them to ensure that we can have them participate in all activities to the fullest extent. We have found that the disposable masks will often break as students are putting on and removing the mask. We have a very limited number of extra masks, so we are not able to always provide one.
- **Please ensure that you do not enter the school unless you have an appointment.** It is a requirement that an appointment is made to enter the school, that the visitor submits a COVID screening questionnaire, and that the visitor wears a mask for their entire visit.

Clarification about [masks](#):

- By the start of this week we will have distributed 2 reusable cotton masks for each student in our school. These masks are the style that is recommended, and we ask that students bring **at least** one of these or other comparable masks from home. **Bufs and scarfs are not considered as acceptable masks by Alberta Health Services.**
- **Visitors:** Masks are mandatory.
- **G4-8 and Staff:** Masks are mandatory in the common areas of the school and when physical distancing is not possible. If distances can be maintained then masks can be removed in the classroom.
- **Kinder-G3:** Masks are not mandatory but physical distancing needs to be reinforced. If all students have a mask available and are able to wear it we are able to do activities in closer proximity. **If students do not have masks, we are not able to have them work side-by-side.**

Clarification about [Illness](#):

Families are required to complete the [provincial daily health check](#) prior to their child arriving at school each day. If a child is feeling unwell, contact Health Link 811 or take an [online assessment](#) and book testing through the AHS website. As a school division we are unable to provide you with medical advice, and refer you to the [Alberta Health Services Student Illness Guidelines](#).

If a health care provider determines that a child has a chronic or pre-existing condition (ex: allergies, asthma), protocols are in place to allow for a safe return to school while symptomatic. The process requires confirmation from medical professionals so the above advice to contact AHS as the next step still applies.

We recognize that this is a large amount of information to digest, and invite you to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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