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Dear Pinewood Families,

Once again, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, January 10. As you have likely already heard, the Ministry of Education and Provincial Health Officer have published a list of enhanced safety structures and protocols that all schools are required to implement for the health and safety of all our students and staff. In addition to this, our superintendent also [published a letter](#) that was sent to all families providing more information in this regard. To help you prepare your child for their return to school, we would like to highlight some of these enhanced protocols at this time.

1. Masks are an integral part of the safety protocol for COVID-19 at this time. Under the [public health order](#), everyone who is able to (i.e. does not have a mask exemption) must wear a mask. When layered with other recommended public health measures, a well-constructed, well-fitting, and properly worn mask can help prevent your child and others from being exposed to COVID-19.

No matter which types of mask your child is wearing, proper fit is a key factor in its effectiveness:

- Make sure the mask completely covers your child's nose, mouth and chin
- Check for gaps between your child's face and the mask
- Check the top, sides, and bottom of the mask
- Check the edges of the mask for air leaks and adjust if necessary
- Improve mask fit so it's snug and has no gaps
- Adjust the ties, bands, or ear loops
- Adjust the nosepiece

For helpful information on how to make masks fit properly, [click here](#). Students should come to school with two to three clean, well-fitting masks each day to ensure they have back-ups available at school.

2. The best way to prevent COVID-19 from spreading is to stay home when ill. Please continue to complete a Daily Health Check with your child before sending them to school. The [K to 12 Health Check website and app](#) is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. It includes current

health guidelines and offers an age-appropriate user experience for K to 12 students.

Alternatively, [Daily Health Check posters](#) are available in 13 languages here on the BC Government website. If in doubt, please err on the side of caution.

3. We will be limiting visitors to those who are supporting activities that directly benefit student learning and well-being (e.g., teacher candidates, immunizers etc.). For the time being our hot lunch days have been postponed.
4. Classroom seating configurations will be structured in a way to limit face to face interactions as much as possible.
5. A daily focus in the classroom will continue to be practicing physical distancing whenever possible, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, following directional arrows in the hallways, and limiting the number of students in the washroom at any given time. To ensure hand-washing before eating, we will be flipping our lunch routines back to eat first, play second. The new schedule for lunch is: 12:08-12:28pm (eat) 12:28-1:00pm (play).
6. All large gatherings, like assemblies, Pro D functions, staff meetings, etc. will be virtual until further notice.
7. Classes will not be mixing with other classes while indoors until further notice. Grade groupings, buddy classes, lunch monitoring, and other such activities are on hold for now.

Thank you for working together with us to keep the Pinewood community as safe as possible while we continue to work through the challenges that COVID-19 presents to all of us. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ms. T. Doukas
Principal