

Hello Sansome Families:

The Province has announced that schools will be re-opening on **Monday, January 17th** in the **Restricted Orange Pandemic Response System** (moving from Yellow to Red and now back to Orange). This will mean that we will be physically distancing to 2m to the greatest extent possible, especially at lunch time. 3 Ply Masks will be worn, except for when eating or drinking. Other masks breaks will be short and supervised. Hand sanitizer and spray disinfectant will be readily available. Families are asked to send convenient snacks such as granola bars, cheese strings, apples etc. The kids will be taking their snack outside with them at recess to avoid that contact time without masks in the classroom. Plans are being made for half of a class to go outside for the first half of lunch while the other half eats and then they would switch. This way only half the number of kids in the class would be eating at the same time. **If families are able to have their children go home for lunch that would also assist in terms of safe eating time.**

Families will be alerted if there is a significant number of positive cases and absenteeism in a classroom. Please monitor for symptoms, Rapid Test and/or PCR test, and isolate for the 10 days or as Public Health advises.

Families are asked again to self-screen and for children to remain at home when unwell. **Students who exhibit any Covid symptoms while at school will need to be picked up.** Due to the high transmission rates, **siblings will also need to go home** and be monitored / tested. Close contacts will no longer be notified as cases will now be managed / monitored at the Community level in consultation with Public Health. Our students have not yet had their second does so the isolation period remains at **10** days for them while it is 5 days for fully vaccinated people.

School will not be open to Visitors. Should families require entrance to the school, please call the Office at 204-889-6000 to make necessary arrangements. Thank you in advance to everyone. wearing masks on the school grounds and modelling physical distancing when dropping off or picking up the children.

A Parent Guide to Restricted Orange will also be sent home for your future reference. Please contact us with any questions or concerns as they arise.

Operational closures of classrooms or school could happen depending on the case count and staffing demands.

Bussing may also be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or staffing demands.

Please continue to check your emails frequently to keep up to date on any ongoing changes/closures/cancellations.

Patrols – Patrols will be back on their posts Monday morning. Team 3 will be out keeping our students safe.

Public Health will be hosting a **Vaccine Clinic** at Sansome School on **Tuesday, January 18th** starting at 9:30 a.m. Information and consent forms have been previously sent out. Consent forms were picked up January 13th.

The **Cookie Dough Fundraiser products** will be here for pick up on **Tuesday, January 18th**. Pick up details have been sent to families involved.

Thank you to all families who supported our **Be Kind** School Wear mini-fundraiser. The orders have been submitted.

Kindergarten Information Evening – Please join our virtual Kindergarten Information Evening on **Tuesday January 25th at 7:00 p.m.** Also, if you are aware of other families who have children who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2022, we would appreciate you passing on this date and time to them. Please use this link to register for this Information evening. <https://forms.office.com/r/HX3kH6W6uy>

Kindergarten registration for children residing in our catchment area will be opened on **Friday, January 28th** on-line.

Intent to Register (2022-2023) Current families in Kindergarten to Grade 4 - Please complete the quick questionnaire at the following link regarding your plans for 2022-2023. This will help to plan for the upcoming school year and staffing needs. <https://forms.office.com/r/d7pt4hgG6j>

Stay safe and healthy,

Henrietta Hoch & Rob Bell

Next Early Dismissal Day: Tuesday, January 18th. Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier

Water Bottles: Please remember to send your child with a reusable water bottle. The water fountain spouts are closed but we do have bottle fillers attached to the fountains.