

**February 19, 2021**

Dear Parents,

Earlier this month, Provincial Health Officer (PHO) Dr Bonnie Henry and the Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside held a joint press conference to announce the new COVID-19 guidelines for schools.

While the new guidelines contain no significant changes for our Emergency COVID-19 Plan (ECP), there have been several updates that provide rewording and further clarity for many existing guidelines. In particular, there is more clarity for the Daily Health Check and a new Appendix detailing when students can return to school after an illness.

As a school, we are required to update our school's ECP and post it on our school website, which we have done today. Please take a few moments to review the updated ECP to ensure you and your children are familiar with all policies and guidelines. All updated sections have headings that are highlighted in blue and all four appendices have also been updated.

Additionally, we are just four weeks away from our Passover Break. Please remember, as of February 22nd, there are strict protocols for traveling in and out of the country, including a mandatory quarantine at a government facility and 14 day at-home quarantine when returning to Canada. There are also restrictions on private gatherings and all families are encouraged to stay only in their family bubbles.

Thank you for your ongoing support to keep our community safe.

Regards,  
Alex