

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you are well and ready for school tomorrow. In light of the current circumstances, we are going to change our usual practice and send out our Information and Reminders email on Monday. This email will focus on our return to school tomorrow. Let me start by thanking our teachers for an excellent few days of preparation last week. I know it was too many hours on Zoom but the Admin Team would really like to thank them for their focus, insight and flexibility.

In an effort to keep this email from going on too long, I am going to share some information via links along with new information.

- To review the email from Alex Monchamp about our **return to school**, emailed out on Thursday, January 6, please [click here](#).
- To view our updated **Communicable Disease Prevention (CDP)** plan posted to our website on Friday, January 7, please [click here](#).
- To view the updated **Bell Schedule and Lunch Schedule** please see the attached document.

We know from listening to Dr. Bonnie Henry that the Omicron variant is more transmissible and prevalent in the community and therefore we are anticipating an increase in student and staff absences. We know of students and staff who tested positive for COVID over the break. We also know of others who feel ill and are isolating at home per public health instructions and assuming they have COVID.

Staying home when sick is very important to keeping everyone healthy as is wearing a 3-layer mask (we have these in the office for students as needed), spreading out and giving people space, daily cleaning and hand-sanitizing, and getting vaccinated and boosted. Please always perform a daily health check (please see the attachment) - and stay home when sick. Additionally, our ventilation system was upgraded after this COVID situation started in 2020, our filters have been replaced and upgraded, and our units recently serviced.

Whenever possible and advance notice on student illness will be very much appreciated, e.g. let us know the day before, especially for COVID-related multiple-day absences. To help us plan for the upcoming week, please communicate any absences for **Monday, January 10** via this [Google Form](#).

I know everyone is wondering what will happen if a student has to stay home. All students should check their teachers' Moodle for information on how each teacher will support absent students. In some cases and for some courses, this may include joining all or part of the class via Zoom or FaceTime, or following on Moodle or Google Classroom. It will look different for different teachers and in different subject areas. Students who are at home will be asked to participate in class learning only if they feel well enough to do so.

It may also happen that a teacher is isolated at home and may be able to teach from home on Zoom, while students follow along in class with adult supervision. As we have done in the past, our Librarian, Lisa Stibravy, and our Skills Team will also be available to support students. Students and parents are encouraged to reach out directly to teachers or as needed, to one of the administration team of Mr. Monchamp, Ms. Bonnycastle, or me. We are all here to help!

King David is committed to in-person instruction, ensuring the continuity of our school programming and maintaining a safe environment for our students and staff. I very much hope that we will not have to stop in-person learning, but if we do, we will switch temporarily to remote instruction. If there is a closure, it might be with little notice for parents and students.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out directly to me. We really are looking forward to having our students back at school tomorrow, to seeing their crinkly-eyed smiling behind their masks and to hearing their laughter.

Again, if your son or daughter will be absent tomorrow (Monday, January 10), please complete the [Google Form](#) to allow us to plan as best as we can.

Have a great rest of Sunday.
Russ

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Head of School