

Dear parent/guardian,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts which have made the school re-opening process possible, and for adhering to public health and safety measures that have ensured schools remain a safe place for our students and staff.

The holidays are going to look a little different this year. We understand that there may be challenges as the Christmas break approaches but we encourage all families to consider what we can all do to make the return to school in January 2021 as safe as possible.

During the holidays, it is important for everyone to follow public health measures in our community, as we connect with one another. By following the advice of public health, we can all enjoy a safe Christmas holiday. You can check the government's [holiday web page](#) for more direct and up-to-date guidance on how to plan for a safe holiday season, including suggestions for activities for children and families.

As a reminder, when the break ends anyone feeling ill should not attend school. All children, students, staff, and visitors must be screened for symptoms of illness every day before attending school or child care. To help meet this requirement, please use [the provincial COVID-19 school screening tool](#).

Self-screening will still be a requirement when we return to school and we will continue to reinforce masking and hand hygiene as well as cohorting and physical distancing with students and our staff.

We encourage you to visit [Ontario.ca/covidresponse](https://ontario.ca/covidresponse) to learn what public health measures are in place in our community – but also please be aware that these could change depending on the most current public health advice. Information is also available on the local public health websites at:

<https://ckphu.com/covid-19/> and <https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/>

Have a blessed Christmas!

Sincerely,

Mr. Ray Power
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