

# **POUCE COUPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Mission: To enable personal growth through knowledge and teamwork.

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Covid Updates for Families

Dear Families,

The Covid Omicron variant is highly infectious and spreads quickly. The purpose of delaying the restart of classes this week is twofold: (1) to make plans that could help prevent a school closure due to illness and absences, and (2) to make plans to continue learning in the event of a school closure. We have implemented changes to protocols and school structures to keep our school community safe considering the newest variant. It is important that families take time to read and understand the changes to be implemented on January 10th.

We are very excited to have our new addition open for students. This means that some classrooms have changed locations and will be entering and exiting the building through different doors.

Students are required to wear masks in the school in accordance with the Provincial Health Officer Order on Face Coverings. There is an increased vigilance on mask wearing. Properly worn face coverings are a measure that has been shown to suppress the transmission of Covid.

Please bring a mask to school. If you do not have one, one will be provided.

There is a new mask exemption requirement for families to complete if a student is unable to wear a mask for health or behavioral reasons. If families have already contacted the school to request an exemption, they will additionally be required to complete the new exemption request form. If families require an exemption request form, please contact the school.

Please see the attached enhanced safety measures.

Thank you for your understanding,

Amanda Bricker