



CHRIST THE KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear CKES Community,

I am writing to inform you about two changes that are happening at CKES:

1. Cold Weather Policy

- Beginning Monday, Nov. 23, the threshold for inside recesses will be -30C, including wind chill. For the time being, we will use the Environment Canada website to determine the weather conditions. In future, we hope to have our own weather station here at the school to help us know the temperature right at our school site. Our school council is graciously exploring this idea.
- Please ensure students are ALWAYS dressed for being outside in cold weather. We wish to promote outdoor activity and fresh air every day!

2. Mask Use at School

- As CoVid-19 is becoming more of a concern in our community, we will be tightening up our protocols at school. It is already expected that mask use for staff and intermediate students will become mandatory in the new year, if not sooner. Up to this point, it has been recommended, but not mandatory. CKES administration, with the support of school council, are asking that we begin consistently wearing masks now, so that we are already in the habit once it becomes mandatory.
- **Beginning Monday, Nov. 23**, all students in grade 4 -7, as well as all staff, will be asked to wear masks in hallways, the library, and any other public spaces within the school building. Shields are not as effective as masks, so students and staff may use both a shield and a mask, but at minimum is the mask.
- Classrooms are exempt. Once students are in their classroom, they are inside their own "class bubble" and do not need to wear a mask. Also note that mask use does not apply to students in grades K-3.
- **Please ensure your children in grades 4-7 come to school with a mask to wear during these times.** Masks should be washed every couple of days. Masks will also need to be carefully handled and protected from germs. A designated small bag is recommended for mask storage. Please clearly label these bags and the masks.
- If your child has health or medical concerns that prevents him/her from wearing a mask, please let your child's teacher know.

Thank you for your support and efforts in keeping our school community safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Jeanette Gallant

Principal,

CKES