March 31, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying your Spring Break. As many of you are aware, new updates to the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools were released earlier this week. BC schools received further guidance through the <u>Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings</u>. Below is an excerpt from page 29 of this document:

All students in Grades 4-12 are required to wear a mask or a face shield (in which case a non-medical mask should be worn in addition to the face shield) indoors in school and on school buses both within and outside of their learning group. (Page 29)

The entire document can be viewed <u>HERE</u>. Pages 28 to 29 are specific to the use of face masks.

Immaculate Conception School has diligently followed all guidelines and requirements as outlined by the Provincial Health Officer, the Ministry of Education, and the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, and is committed to continue doing so. All BC schools are required to follow the Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings. As such, upon returning to school on April 6, 2021, face masks are required for all Immaculate Conception School students in Grades 4-7. Please ensure your child in Grades 4-7 has a face mask with them each school day. The mask should be washed after each day or a new mask provided for the next day. Exceptions are made for staff and students who cannot wear a mask for medical or other reasons; please contact Mrs. Kathleen Barth if this pertains to you.

At this time, the Provincial Health Officer is not requiring students to wear masks in Kindergarten to Grade 3. However, families of students in these grades can choose to send masks for their children to wear while at school.

The Daily Health Check created by the Ministry of Education, Public Health and the BCCDC must be completed before heading to school in the morning. Students who are ill are not to attend school and are to call 811 for further direction.

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Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about the latest update.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. K. Barth

Principal