



Oscar Adolphson Primary School
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January 7, 2022

Dear Oscar Adolphson Caregivers,

As we return to in-person learning on Monday, January 10, 2022, there are some things that you should be aware of. The Chief Medical Officer of Health has recommended that all students and staff wear a mask all day unless eating. Please note this is a recommendation and not a mandate. As per the Northern Gateway Public School Back to School Plan, masking will continue to be enforced on buses and when students are not within their classroom cohort (such as in common spaces like hallways and bathrooms). **Please inform the school if you have expectations for your student to wear their mask outside of these times.** A supply of masks, from the government, for students and staff are expected to arrive in the coming week and we will continue to supply masks to students as necessary. Students can wear their own masks or the ones supplied by the government/school.

The Minister of Education announced that they will be providing rapid testing kits for all students and staff that are expected to arrive by Friday, January 14. These kits will be sent home as we receive them. Please follow the Government of Alberta link for more information on the purpose of these kits and their recommended use [here](#).

Updated isolation and quarantine requirements from The Government of Alberta can be found [here](#).

It remains critical that staff and students complete the daily checklist before coming to school each day. You can find it [here](#). We have been informed that it may be updated within the next few days and I will share the updated link once it becomes available.

The Minister of Education announced that there is no longer contact tracing happening in schools through Alberta Health. Therefore, we will be unable to notify you of possible classroom contacts, should any occur. I will share any additional information released by the government on this as it becomes available.

This is a dynamic situation and things may change rapidly over the next few weeks. There may, at times, be a need to utilize a reduction in services (such as not offering music, library or one-on-one interventions) or switch to at-home learning for a class, grade or the whole school caused primarily due to a staffing shortage. We will do our best to keep these disruptions to a minimum but they are often out of our control. We appreciate your patience and support during this time. Please follow our Facebook page, Seesaw and school webpage for further updates.

I have great admiration for the hard work and commitment that the staff of Oscar Adolphson Primary School has shown once again this week as they have been preparing for multiple

scenarios to ensure learning will continue for our students. They need to be commended for their hard work and dedication.

We understand the mental, emotional, physical, and academic impacts that this situation has had on our entire school community throughout the last few years. The changes and disruptions we've faced have been tremendously challenging but I feel confident that together we can continue this school year strong, while doing our very best for every student attending Oscar Adolphson Primary School.

If you have any questions please email kim.caron@ngps.ca or call me at the school at 780-524-3144

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