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Dear parent/guardian,

Welcome back! We hope you had a safe and healthy winter break. Now is the time to stay united in our goal of COVID-safe schools. Here are a few reminders for starting this New Year, to keep our schools healthy and safe:

- Monitor yourself and people in your household for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Screen for COVID-19 everyday using the COVID-19 <u>school and child care screening</u> tool. This tool will help you decide whether you can send your child to school each day.
- Remind your child(ren) to stay 2 meters away from others, wash their hands and wear a mask.
- Only have close contact with people who live with you.
- Children who take the bus must wear a face mask at the bus stop and on the school bus.
- Since testing is the only way to find out if someone has COVID-19, please contact your local Assessment Centre if you or your child has symptoms.

Thank you for keeping our schools and communities safe and healthy. Remember to be COVID-Kind and COVID-Smart: support each other and do what you can to prevent spread of COVID-19. We are all in this together.

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