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Good afternoon Emily Carr families,

I wish to share some details with you about how we are preparing to welcome all students back to school on Monday, January 10. As you know, the Vancouver District and Carr have worked closely with our public health officials and carefully followed their guidance since the beginning of the pandemic. The health, safety and well-being of students, you as families and staff remains our priority.

Here at Carr we have implemented health and safety measures as advised by public health, and carefully followed the [Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#) to reduce the risk of COVID transmission in schools. A few of these measures include:

- Purchased and distributed reusable [masks](#) and three-ply disposable masks for all staff and students
- Updated and modified [ventilation systems](#) to upgrade filters and maximize air exchange
- Ensured frequent and regular cleaning including daily cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Reminded staff and students to conduct daily self-health checks and to stay home if ill
- Limited visitor access to schools
- Upgraded taps and installed new sinks and hand sanitization stations
- Shared information with students and staff in our school about hand and respiratory hygiene, proper mask use and spacing out as much as possible.

This past week staff at Carr have taken time to review our health and safety measures and I want to highlight some key items for you as we prepare for Monday:

- **Entry and exit to the buildings will remain as they have been**
- **Lunch time/recess: students will continue to eat snacks and lunches within their classrooms rather than together in one space**

- **adequate supplies of sanitizer, cloths and masks – disposable as well as incoming cloth masks**
- **postponement of Jess Dance (again) – this was to take place for all classes over the next two weeks**

It is possible that at some point, a school may need to temporarily close because of the impacts of the Omicron variant. While we hope that there will not be a need for a temporary functional closure, we want to ensure we support everyone who is impacted during such a time.

This week, staff spent time planning how to respond should the school need to temporarily close in the coming weeks. The decision will be made by the District, and will only occur if there is a shortage of available staff, due to illness, and we are unable to keep the school open for in-person learning and safely supervise students. In the event of a functional closure, we will notify families as soon as possible. During a functional closure, we will shift to providing remote learning opportunities for students to ensure continuity of learning and course completion. Also, as we did this week, we will make every effort to continue to provide in-person support during a functional closure for students with additional needs, such as students with special needs and children of essential workers.

We know these days are challenging in many ways. You can continue to count on us to keep you informed and do everything we can to meet students' needs. If you have any questions, please contact me. We look forward to welcoming your children back to Carr as together we navigate the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

Erin Gibbs  
Carr Principal