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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We are looking forward to the start of school in August albeit in a somewhat different format than usual. We are working hard to develop research-based protocols and processes for the health and safety of our school community. However, we need your help.

One important means of reducing the risk of COVID-19 in our community is to stay home when you are sick. This is a new mentality for all of us. In the past, all of us have gone to work or school, a party or activity, or other event when we have been sick. We cannot do that this year. We all must stay home when we are sick to stop the transmission of viral infections, including COVID-19.

We have created a flowchart to help you make the right decision each morning as to whether or not your child may come to school: **Can My Child Go to School Today?** Our expectation is that you will ask your child each morning the three questions at the top of this flowchart (Are you unwell with potential COVID-19 symptoms? Has your child been exposed to someone with COVID-19? Is your child or anyone your child has had close contact with awaiting test results for COVID-19?) and follow the recommended guidance if the answer is “yes” to any question. **Please put this flowchart on your fridge so you can refer to it often over the 2020-21 school year.**

We also know we are relying on you to do your part in helping keep our community healthy and safe. We have created a **Checklist for Parents** to outline a few of the ways in which you can help.

Our **partnership with you** is **vital** to the health and safety of our school community. We look forward to working together to have a safe and healthy year. Thank you!

Your School Nurses,

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