

October 22, 2020

Dear SCCS Families,

As you are most likely aware, Public Health has advised all schools to move to the **ORANGE RESPONSE LEVEL** effective Monday, October 26th. Please see the information emailed to me this afternoon from Public Health and Education.

The following learnings from Public Health and Education have informed our planning and decision-making:

- **There has been minimal school-level transmission among the K–12 schools with confirmed cases.**
 - **Cohorts and other public health measures have been effective in mitigating the risk of transmission and informing contact tracing.**
 - **Schools, including administrators, teachers and staff, have implemented the public health measures consistently and have handled confirmed cases in schools with responsiveness, confidence, and a great deal of professionalism.**
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- **While minimal transmission is occurring in schools at this point, these additional public health measures are critical to ensure that the schools respond to the current risks and conditions given rising community transmission. If more measures are needed they will be implemented.**
 - **As of Monday, October 26, 2020, schools in the Winnipeg Metro Region, Northern Health Region and in Churchill will be operating in regions that are in the Restricted level (orange) of the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System. These measures are one more layer of protection to keep students and staff safe.**
 - **Schools have been preparing for a restricted level since the summer. Some schools may not see significant changes as these measures have already been applied by some divisions and schools. The extent of changes at an individual school will depend on the measures that have already been implemented to date. For example if 2 m is already achieved there won't be many changes to classrooms. If extracurricular has already been suspended to find additional space, this will not be new.**

As shared back in August with you, I had submitted plans for this response level in case it was needed and have been able to add to that plan as more information has become available. Another copy of the **St. Charles Catholic School Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools Revised October 2020 Plan to reflect the Response Level 2/Code Orange for Schools** is attached with this letter. The updated information for this plan is in **orange**.

Since the new plan reflects having schools ensure as much physical distancing as possible, 2 metres is now required between students/staff. Therefore, at SCCS we will have to make some changes to how our classrooms are structured to ensure that this is possible.

Effective Monday, October 26th, the classes/classrooms at SCCS will look like this:

- KA and KL will remain in their own classrooms with tables being added to implement the 2 metre distancing between students.
- Gr. 1 & 1/2---Ms. Chipman's and Mrs. Sherlock's classes will move from 2 separate classes to 3 classes to make social distancing easier. Mrs. Lazatin will support Ms. Chipman and Mrs. Sherlock in supervising and supporting the Gr. 1 and ½ students.
- Gr. 2's have already made a move to the cafeteria with Ms. Baillie.
- Gr. 3 & Gr. ¾---Mrs. Mardis and Ms. Langlois' classes will move from 2 separate classes to 3 classes to make social distancing easier. Ms. Tan will support Mrs. Mardis and Ms. Langlois in supervising and supporting the Gr. 3 and ¾ students.
- Gr. 4 will move downstairs to the BASC area with Mrs. Luinenburg.
- Gr. 5 will remain in their current classroom but will overflow to the Computer Lab area which is already attached to their class.
- Gr. 6—half of the class will remain in their homeroom and the other half will be moved to Mr. Domolewski's classroom down the hall. Teachers will teach and support both classrooms, and Ms. Thompson will be assisting the Middle Year's teachers.
- Gr. 7 will relocate to the upstairs Music room with Mr. Domolewski.
- Gr. 8B will remain in their classroom.
- Gr. 8G will remain in their classroom.

**Parents whose children are moving to another classroom will be notified of the change by your child's homeroom teacher.*

As always, we will continue to do our very best at SCCS to keep your children safe, and your ongoing support is greatly appreciated as these changes are being implemented quickly, but effectively.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, but please understand that I may not be able to respond to you as quickly as I would like during this busy time.

Sincerely,
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