



January 7th, 2022

Chères familles de l'École Rivière-Rouge,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you had the opportunity to rest and enjoy some family time together. This is not the return we had hoped for, however all school staff have been working diligently yesterday and today to prepare for our students learning.

As we plan, we will continue to be guided by the Manitoba Provincial Government and direction from the Seven Oaks School Division. Given the realities of living through this pandemic, we acknowledge that circumstances can change on a daily basis.

January 10<sup>th</sup> to January 14<sup>th</sup>

- We have the capacity to welcome a small number of learners back for in-person learning during the remote period. Please refer to Mr. O'Leary's letter sent yesterday regarding critical services workers as defined by the province and who are not able to make alternate arrangements. (see attached)
- Buses will be running.
- Chromebooks will be available for all learners who need a device for remote learning and will be available for pick up today. (January 7<sup>th</sup>)

In-class learning

- All staff will wear medical grade masks.
- All students will be required to use medical grade masks which the school can provide.
- Students will be spaced 2 meters apart to the greatest extent possible, with a seating plan in place.
- We will encourage outdoor activities and walks as much as possible as weather permits.

It is more important than ever that students and staff stay home when they have cold or flu symptoms.

An email from the Seven Oaks Board Office was sent to families yesterday with further guidance on health protocols.

Next week, Rapid Antigen Tests will be available to our families, one kit per student.

We encourage all families to get vaccinated and remain vigilant in isolating at home when symptomatic.

We are here as a support and welcome you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for keeping our families and us safe.

Stay safe and take good care.

Mme Gaudet  
Principal Teacher

Mme Kristin Chartrand  
Acting Vice-Principal

## **Manitoba Education considers the following to be critical services workers:**

- Health/Health Services Workers
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers (all teachers, administrators, and support staff)
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Direct Social Services and Child Protection Workers

*Additional critical services workers may include people who provide critical services to Manitobans, such as front-line natural resource workers, essential supply chain staff (e.g., truck drivers delivering food, medications and other essential goods; food industry staff working in food processing plants, etc.) gas station attendants, and grocery store staff.*

Reference: [https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/response-management-K-12-critical.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/response-management-K-12-critical.pdf)