

West St. Paul School

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Dear families.

Happy New Year! We hope that during the holiday break you were able to have a relaxing and enjoyable time with those closest to you.

The province, in consultation with Public Health, has made changes to the return to school:

January 6th and 7th: No school/classes

January 10th – 14th: Students at home for remote learning (exemptions below*) January 17th: All students return to in-person learning

*For the one week of remote learning from January 10th - 14th, we will still offer in-person instruction for the children of Tier 1 Critical Service Workers who cannot make alternate arrangements for childcare.

Tier 1 Critical Service Workers are defined as:

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

OR

Those 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 processing plant staff, etc.) gas stations attendants and grocery store staff.

If your family are critical workers as defined above <u>and</u> your child must attend school next week, please be in touch with your child's teacher. Students and staff must stay home if they have cold or flu symptoms.

For the one week period of remote learning, teachers will be in contact to arrange virtual meeting times and school work for students at home. For students in grades 3-8, one chromebook per family can be borrowed from the school by speaking to classroom teachers.

The school is expecting delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests kits next week. We expect to distribute these kits to families of kindergarten to grade 6 students late next week.

We are all anticipating the return of all students and reopening the school on January 17th.

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