

Update to Families Regarding School Re-Opening- COVID-19

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We want to take this time to thank each one of you for your dedication and support. We believe so strongly that schools are essential to the well-being, mental health and development of a child. On Wednesday February 3rd, 2021 Minister of Education, Steven Lecce made an announcement that schools in York Region will re-open on Tuesday February 16th, 2021 at 7:00 am.

During this time, we have been working very closely with York Region Public Health for the safety of our students, staff and the community.

- **Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3**, as well as those in Grades 4-12. Students in kindergarten are strongly encouraged to wear masks.
- **Masks are now required outdoors during outdoor time**, as well as in all common areas, in addition to the classroom.
- York Region Public Health is recommending that students wear three-layer masks. Two-layer masks are permitted if they are clean and fit appropriately.
- Students and staff will be screened twice daily
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting

Please ensure on the first day of school you bring any medications, or epi-pens that your child may have.

Our Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Should you require care for September 2021 kindly visit our website at amongfriendschildcare.com, Click on forms, Click on Returning Family Request for Enrollment 2021-2022 and submit the online form. **Please note the deadline for Returning Families to register is Monday, March 8th, 2021.**

We would like to inform you that due to the increase of COVID 19 cases we will be unable to offer child care during the March Break (March 15th- March 19th). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Stay safe, stay hopeful and stay warm!

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