

January 27, 2020

Dear Parents,

I know many of you are concerned about the potential risk of the Coronavirus and how we keep our community safe.

On Friday January 24th, our internal protocols to manage the Coronavirus were communicated to all Faculty and Staff. They included monitoring absences, student/family travel, and any illnesses noticed in students.

As global hotspots continue to emerge, it is difficult to isolate any particular region for travel alone and just being in airports may indeed constitute exposure.

We are asking all families to notify their homeroom teacher or mentor of any travel and to keep children home if they are unwell. It's flu season also so many people throughout the city are ill, and it is easy to be concerned. You are advised, as always, to consult with your family physician with any health questions or concerns and to practice the usual measures to reduce the risk of transmission of the flu and respiratory illness. More information about the Coronavirus and preventative measures can be found in the links below.

We will closely monitor all student absences and illnesses and deal with travel absences on an individual basis. Our goal here is to keep everyone safe and we rely on your cooperation in order to do so.

I have also reached out to CIS Ontario with respect to their protocols around team sports, etc. They will have a directive for all schools today.

We continue to monitor this situation closely and are committed to providing timely updates as new information and direction emerge from Toronto Public Health who set the standards for communicable diseases for all schools.

World Health Organization:

<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

Centre for Disease Control and Prevention:


<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Toronto Public Health:

<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/diseases-medicationsvaccines/coronavirus/>

Government of Canada Travel Advice and Advisory:
<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories/pneumonia-china>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Daunt', written in a cursive style.

Eileen Daunt
Head of School