

Dear Parents,

We have just been informed that the Medical Officer of Health for Toronto, Dr. Eileen de Villa, has invoked Section 22(5.0.1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act which requires the suspension of all in-person teaching and instruction in public and private/independent schools, commencing tomorrow (April 7, 2021). Full details can be found at The City of Toronto Section 22 Order.

This is clearly in response to the increasing and rapid rate of Covid-19 transmission within the City of Toronto, particularly with respect to the variants of concern. Peel and Guelph Public Health Units have already invoked Section 22, and it is entirely possible that other Health Units will follow suit.

As a result, JK to Grade 12 students will shift to on-line learning for April 7th, 8th and 9th, leading into our much-anticipated April Spring Break period. It is expected, at this time, that on-campus learning will resume after the break on Monday, April 26th, 2021, but we will keep you informed as the situation evolves over the coming weeks.

Pursuant to this Order and under the provisions of the Child Care and Early Years Act, our Preschool Programme (including the Preschool Holiday Programme) will be permitted to continue to operate as planned.

I think we can all agree that the course of this pandemic has been, at best, unpredictable and challenging, but as we continue to adhere to the directives and advice of the Public Health experts, I am confident that we can successfully endure this third wave.

Thank you all for your continued commitment and support in keeping our BVG community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Eileen Daunt
Head of School