

Golden Horn Elementary School

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Dear Golden Horn Families,

Our Golden Horn staff is so excited to see the students back tomorrow! We hope that all of you have had a great summer. At Golden Horn, the health and safety of our students and staff is our priority. Students and staff will be learning new routines this year to ensure we are doing everything we can to maintain health and safety. The first few weeks of school are to be dedicated to learning our new routines in a supportive and caring environment.

Buses

If you have not already registered your child for the bus, please contact Yukon Education to register. Busing routes may look a bit different this year, and your student will not be able to ride the bus without being registered. You can find the bus registration form here:

<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/edu/edu-forms/edu-annual-school-bus-registration-yg5447.pdf>

Masks

Last week, Dr. Hanley recommended that students ten and over wear masks on the school bus and in situations where physical distancing is difficult. We are asking students at our school who are ten and over, to wear masks when they are entering the building. Students will keep their masks on until after they have washed their hands. Once students sit down at their desks, they can remove their masks.

First Day of School – Pick-up/Drop-off

Bringing your student to school on the first day this year will be different. We are asking any parents who can, to please, remain in your vehicle when dropping your student off. Congestion in the pick-up, drop-off area will be most likely at the beginning and end of the day, so please approach slowly and with caution. If you must come onto the school grounds, please ensure you are maintaining physical distancing, and we ask that all pets remain in vehicles. Parents will not

be able to enter the building. If a parent needs to pick up a child early they first call the office at 867-667-8130 for instructions on how we will meet them outside.

When to Keep your Student Home

If your student is having any symptoms, or is showing any mild illness, please keep your student home. If a student is displaying any of the symptoms of Covid-19, a phone call will be made to the parent or guardian to pick up the student.

<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/edu/edu-stay-home-when-sick-for-parents.pdf>

We are grateful to have the students return tomorrow, we have really missed them! Routines will be different for our students this year, so we will approach the beginning of the year with kindness and patience. Our first priority will be establishing new routines and relationships with your students. The Covid-19 pandemic is unprecedented, so we will remain flexible and keep the health and safety of your students and our staff at the forefront as we begin the school year.

I look forward to meeting all of the Golden Horn families in the coming weeks!

Kind regards,

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