



December 21, 2020

Dear Hawthorn Parents, Teachers, Students, and Staff,

Today we received news that there will be a new province-wide lockdown taking effect on December 26. The situation, as we have seen, is evolving everyday and this latest announcement also contains new guidelines for both publicly-funded and private schools in terms of returning after the Christmas break. We want to take this opportunity to reiterate our message from December 18, that we are ready to do whatever is necessary to ensure the education of our students, this includes moving to our Full Virtual Learning model.

Given the Government of Ontario's announcement today, Hawthorn elementary students will join the Full Virtual Learning program for the week of January 5-8, 2021 and will return to in-class instruction beginning January 11, 2021. Secondary students will join the Full Virtual Learning program from January 5-22, 2021 and will return to in-class instruction on January 25, 2021. Childcare centres are permitted to remain open; as such, Hawthorn's Daycare will open as scheduled on January 4th, 2021.

These dates are subject to revision if determined necessary by the provincial government.

We will share any further guidance from the Ministry regarding the practical implications of the recent announcements. The authorities have confirmed that the transmission of COVID-19 in schools has remained low. However, the public health environment continues to evolve rapidly, and we are called to do our part in supporting efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. We hope to return to full school wide in-person learning as soon as possible and we appreciate your understanding at this time. Please be certain we will keep you informed! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at administration@hawthornschool.com and rwood@hawthornschool.com.

I hope and pray that you have a blessed Christmas with your family, staying safe and healthy. As you, I look forward to being together in person. God willing, this will be much sooner than we expect!

Warm regards,

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School Head