



HAMILTON • WENTWORTH
Catholic Child Care Centres

January 12, 2022

Dear Families;

I hope this message finds you and your family healthy and well.

With confirmation of schools re-opening on Monday, January 17, 2022, we have important details to share with you:

Cohort and Centre Closure

- Our school age before and after cohorts (K-grade 8) and full-day cohorts (0-3.8 yrs) may be forced to close at times, due to high levels of educator absences
- We have been given direction from the Ministry of Education to combine cohorts to assist with educator absences, this may support in keeping cohorts and Centres open
- All cohort and/or Centre closures will be communicated via our Daily Wonders App and/or email. We ask that you check both regularly in the evening and morning for potential closures

Children 0-3.8 years

- Children 0-3.8 yrs will be required to isolate should they be deemed a close contact, have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19. We will continue to isolate cohorts and notify families of positive cases. Our youngest learners are unmasked and unvaccinated, these measures will help with easing the spread of COVID-19

Children K – grade 8

- Children in our Before and After Programs will follow the same practices as HWCDSB regarding positive cases, isolation periods and tracking. As of today, we are no longer required to isolate or notify families of positive cases or isolate cohorts for school age children. Please note this can change at anytime – we will keep you abreast of new information as we receive it

COVID related absences

- The Municipality is currently paying for children's absences related to COVID-19 (this includes families who are fee paying and subsidized). If your child is absent with COVID symptoms, please share this with your Operational/Program Lead, our finance team will credit your account for the COVID related absences

Proof of screening

- All parents are required to show proof of screening with a pass to your child's educator upon arrival

The health and well-being of our children, families and educators is our top priority. We continue to adhere to all PPE guidelines, cleaning and sanitizing protocols and ensuring we keep abreast of all Public Health and Ministry of Education requirements.

Please reach out to your Centre Operational Lead or Program Lead if have any questions.

Warm regards,

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