

April 1, 2020

Subject: Information about COVID-19 (coronavirus) - update no. 12

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following our March 27th communication and today's latest announcements by the Government of Québec, please take note of the following important information.

Picking up students' ESSENTIAL belongings CANCELLED

Recent communication from the Ministry of Education and Public Health Services indicate that all schools/centres are to suspend the picking up of essential belongings immediately, and until further notice.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times, where information and directives change day to day and sometimes, hour by hour.

Staff checking in with students

Since the beginning of the week, staff members have started **checking in with students to see how they are doing**. To do so, they are using the communication tools available to them.

While connecting with their students on a weekly basis, teachers will encourage students to use the <u>SWLSB</u> <u>Backpack</u> resources as well as the pedagogical activities provided by the Ministry of Education (MEES) at the following link: <u>ecoleouverte.ca</u>.

Our staff members will be doing their best to connect with their students. However, please understand, they are not expected to teach lessons or assign and correct work, but to provide pedagogical support.

Please consider that, just like many of you, the following also applies to many of our staff members:

- They are parents with children at home;
- They have family members/friends they must care for;
- They are also dealing with this challenging situation.

Our SWLSB employees care about their students and wish to offer them the best possible services within the current context.

Thank you

We want to thank you, our SWLSB parent community, for your support, patience and precious collaboration. We also wish to commend all SWLSB employees who are currently working in our emergency daycares in order to provide an essential service to front-line workers. We value their hard work, professionalism, dedication and heartfelt desire to make a difference and to provide a safe, secure and caring environment in these difficult times.

Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to the Pedagogical Services team for putting together the <u>SWLSB Backpack</u> website which ensures our students have access to educational content during this challenging period.

Continue taking good care of yourselves and each other. As always, continue practicing social distancing, regular handwashing and stay home. Together, we will get through these trying times. *Ça va bien aller*. Each action counts!

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