



Holy Spirit Catholic Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Preparations for a safe return to school includes sharing information with our families and students about safety measures in place for those riding the bus to and/or from Holy Spirit CES. Students and their families should expect that when a child boards their school bus, they will be safe and cared for. This letter aims to provide you with updated bus procedures at this time.

As transportation for students is a privilege, it is imperative that students follow all safety routines and procedures. Should a student fail to follow all safety routines and procedures, they may be asked not to ride the bus and have bus privileges revoked.

Safety Measures

- Students in Grades 1 to 8 will be required to wear a face mask while waiting at the bus stop and while riding their bus unless a special accommodation is required
- While students in Kindergarten are not required to wear a face mask, it is strongly recommended that they do so while waiting at the bus stop and while riding on the school bus
- Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time during the first two weeks of school and ensure physical distancing while waiting and entering onto the bus
- Within the first week of school seating plans for each route will be developed and shared with our school staff and parents
- Where possible, students of the same household will share a seat
- Students will be expected to remain in their seats at all times
- A reminder that **if a child is ill**, even with mild symptoms, **they must remain at home**
- Our staff will go over the seating plan with students on their first day of school and will update students of any changes

Covid-19 Protocols

- In consultation with York Region Public Health, all high touch areas of school vehicles will be cleaned by the driver throughout the day as well as a regular deep cleaning
- Where possible, depending on the weather, buses will operate with windows lowered to increase air ventilation
- For more detailed information please visit the [student transportation Covid-19 website](#) and click on their brochure

Please also remember to check the [School Bus City website](#) for your child's route and pick up/drop off time and location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school office and we will do our best to support you.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal