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Dear Parents,

As you have likely heard, the California Department of Public Health has developed the California Safe Schools for All plan to bring all California's students back to the classroom. Experts in the field have learned a lot about COVID-19 over the past ten months, and one thing they have found is that if the proper protocols are practiced, we are able to safely have our students at school. We know that the best place for students to learn is in the classroom. For our youngest students, online learning is very difficult and it is essential to have in person instruction from their teacher and develop necessary social skills by being with their peers.

The California Safe Schools for All plan adds additional requirements for our schools that we will be implementing starting Monday, February 1st. The change that impacts our students the most is the fact that **ALL students must wear a face covering, regardless of their grade**. Currently, our plan states that face coverings are strongly encouraged for students up to 2nd grade. Our school site has face coverings for small children available or they can wear one from home. While we know this will be an adjustment for our young students, we are confident that they will follow the example of our older learners and do a great job with this new requirement.

In addition to face coverings, our students and staff will also need to continue to practice social distancing, wash and sanitize our hands, and stay home if experiencing symptoms or anyone in the household is ill with COVID-19 symptoms. We appreciate how well everyone has followed these protocols. Thank you for your communication with the school when your family has experienced an exposure or someone is sick.

We are thankful that our school continues to remain open and our students are able to come to the classroom to learn 5 days per week. With everyone doing their part, we will get through this!

Take care,

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