

Dear Grade 2 Parent and Guardians:

My name is Lionel Colaci. Ms. Forrest and I will be your child's Grade 2 teachers this year. I am looking forward meeting all my students on Thursday, and connecting with you (from a safe distance).

I wanted to explain some changes I've implemented in the classroom. Some of these procedures are new, and some are not.

Morning Entrance:

Students will enter the school through a designated entrance. Parents will only be allowed to come in through the front door and must sign in before they get to the office. Please try to maintain a safe distance from staff and other students.

Once in, students will wash their hands for 20 seconds, select a book, and read at their desk until the morning lesson starts. There are two sinks in the Grade 2 classroom.

Unfortunately, students will not be singing O Canada, as singing can spread aerosolized respiratory droplets. Students are still expected to stand at attention during our national anthem.

Bathrooms:

Students should sanitize their hands before they go into the washroom. Once finished in the washroom, students will wash their hands for 20 seconds. There will only be one person in the communal bathrooms at time.

Masks & Face Shields:

Please let your child know that I will be wearing a mask for most of the day – especially while working in spaces where we cannot physically social distance.

For one-on-one work, I have purchased a clear face shield so that I can continue to give students one-on-one help and keep them safe.

Students will be wearing a mask during Music classes, as the teacher has requested it. Masks will be supplied if a child does not have one.

I know that my mask does not protect the me from students, but rather it protects the students from me. I would feel awful if I caused a student to be sick.

P.E.: Physical Education will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Check the weather to see what it will be like *throughout the whole day*.

Sick Children: Due to Covid-19 concerns, sick children must be kept home. While at school, if children have any Covid-19 symptoms, they are to be picked up. This is to keep everyone as safe as possible. Your child will not fall behind from missing a few days of school work. We promise.

Permission Forms: This year, as in previous years, I will be sending home a form for opting in for FreshGrade – a online, secure, portfolio where I can share videos and pictures of your child’s learning immediately. This will not be for every assignment, but it will be for the bigger projects. You can even comment on their work if you’d like. You will only be able to see your own child’s portfolio and no one else.

I will also be sending home a form for GSuites and Microsoft Suites. These forms cover permission to add your child to using Minecraft for Education, and, if we need to switch to an online, distance learning model, we can use Google Classrooms or Teams Classrooms without delay.

These forms will be sent in the coming weeks. Please sign and return as soon as possible. If you have questions, please let me know via the contact information below.

How to Contact Me: You can email me at lionel.colaci@yesnet.yk.ca; through my classroom website (updated almost daily) at <https://lionelcolaci.weebly.com/>; or phone the school at 667 – 3500. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with my class website, as it will have information about what’s happening in the school, any permission forms that students lost or forgot, and a daily log of what we learned and how. This is a way of sharing your child’s learning with you. (It can facilitate conversations about what a student learned today – cutting down on the “what did you learn today?” “Nothing...” conversation).

Thank you, and I look forward to meeting you in person.

Sincerely,

Lionel Colaci.