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Growing Strong Roots

Letter to Parent from Child Care Licensee

Dear parent/guardian,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts which have made the child care reopening process possible, and for adhering to public health and safety measures that have ensured child care settings remain safe places.

The holidays are going to look a little different this year and we understand that there may be challenges as the winter break approaches, but we encourage all families to consider how we can work together to make this time as safe as possible, and start 2021 off right. We would also like to remind you about the actions we are taking to reinforce the health and safety protocols aimed at protecting us all while limiting the spread of COVID-19 within Coppens Academy.

During the holidays, it is important for everyone to adhere to [the public health measures](#) in our community, at home with family, at work and at child care. By [following public health advice](#), we can all have a safe and fun holiday season. You can check the government's [holiday web page](#) for more direct and up-to-date guidance on how individuals and families can plan for a safe holiday season.

Throughout the holiday season, Coppens Academy will continue to:

- Reinforce masking and hand hygiene etiquette, as well as physical distancing
- Limit interactions between groups of children and staff/providers
- Ensure that everyone is screened before they enter the child care premises
- Perform enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of the toys, equipment, and premises

Federal, provincial, and municipal government officials have asked us to remind all families that individuals showing symptoms of illness should not attend the child care program. All children, students, staff, and visitors must be screened for symptoms of illness every day before attending Coppens Academy. To help meet this requirement, you may use either [the provincial COVID-19 school screening tool](#) or, the screening tool on the KFL&A Public Health website, or the [screening tool on the Coppens Academy website](#).

We encourage you to visit Ontario.ca/covidresponse to learn the public health measures in place in our community and remind you that these measures could change depending on public health trends, so please visit the website regularly. We also suggest checking out the [KFL&A Public Health website](#) as they offer many helpful resources and support.

If you have any questions about what Coppens Academy Childcare is doing to protect your children and family in response to COVID-19, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Pamela & Gregory Coppens
Coppens Academy Childcare