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## Are they going outside?

Dear Parents,

**Please note that students are expected to come to school dressed ready to play outside.** In wintertime, students should have a warm jacket, snow pants, hats, mitts, neck warmer and boots. All items should be labelled. It is highly recommended that students have an extra set of clothes/socks at school to avoid a parent being called to exchange wet clothes/socks.

The decision to go outside is made by following the recommendations of the Canadian Pediatric Society. On days that are cold but under  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , students may be sent out for 10 minutes. *The Canadian Pediatric Society recommends that children be kept indoors if the temperature is below  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$ , or the wind chill factor is  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  or lower. In all cases, the school administration makes its decision taking into account many factors and always with the students best interest and safety in mind.*

Factors other than temperature that the school considers:

- ❖ Blowing snow and moisture speeds at the rate of frostbite.
- ❖ Gusting winds; they can cause the wind chill to vary minute to minute from the local weather forecast.
- ❖ Bright sunshine that can make you feel as much as  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  warmer.

Please be assured that your child's health and safety is always at the forefront of our decision making process.

Respectfully,

Mr. Richard Mason  
Principal

Mrs. Sarah Gauthier  
Vice Principal

