



## St. Clare Catholic Elementary School

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### Cold Winter Weather

Wet, Windy, Wintery Weather is upon us! Students are asked to have a pair of indoor shoes that can be kept at school, along with an extra pair of gloves, mitts, or other winter apparel. An extra set of clothing goes a long way, especially in the primary division. Please also consider labeling your child(s) clothing so that we can return any lost items to them.

Please understand that students go outside in cold, winter weather. Our school adheres to the recommendations set forth by Peel Public Health. We will reduce the amount of time children spend outdoors when the temperature is -20 degrees Celsius or colder, with or without wind chill. We keep students indoors when the temperature is -25 degrees Celsius or colder, with or without wind chill. Some medical conditions may increase sensitivity to cold, parents should consult their physician, according to Environment Canada and provide this information to the school.

*This year our school supervision model does not have the flexibility to support a soft-entry model.* This means that students Grade 1-8 are expected to remain outside until 8:30am. The only exception is for inclement weather such as heavy rainfall or below -20 degrees Celsius for example. We regret this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. Please consider bringing your child to school closer to the bell times, especially on those colder weather days.

At school, we will continue to encourage students to bundle up and will continue to provide reminders of snow etiquette in play. Please support our efforts, reminding your children at home that snowball throwing is not permitted. We also ask students to stay off icy areas and to report them, to prevent unnecessary injuries. Our messaging to students and in the name of kindness is that any snow structures (snow figures or fort) made by their peers are to be respected and students should refrain from intentionally breaking them. As such, we appreciate your support in reinforcing this message.

We are excited to have students engage in SNOW-much fun this winter season at St. Clare school!

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