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## **LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL – REMOTE LEARNING JANUARY 10-14, 2022**

Greetings Little Flower Community,

We were recently informed that a series of student test results, performed under the direction the residential facility as a precaution upon return from break, has returned at least 13 positive Covid cases with additional results pending. Contact tracing of these students has led to quarantines in all of the residential cottages.

Based on this information, and the close contacts established throughout the week in school while the results were pending, **Little Flower School will be on full remote for the week of January 10 through 14.**

Day student parents/guardians should monitor their child throughout the week and seek testing if your child shows any symptoms of illness related to Covid. At-home rapid test kits are available from your home district or from Little Flower upon request through the main office.

**On Monday, Microsoft Teams login instructions for students will be posted on the district website.** Teachers will be preparing MS Teams to launch and communicating with residential cottage staff for additional assignment information. Day students should log onto their Teams classrooms for assignments, which will be a posted for each course daily, to continue their progress through the curriculum. See the district reopening plan online for additional details regarding remote learning.

The school will work with the residential cottages to support connectivity for students. MS Teams is mobile accessible and students should be able to access any content via a mobile phone or tablet. If devices for day students are required, instructions for device borrowing for the week will be provided with the Teams login instructions on Monday.

Staff will be reporting to the school for the full week, available to support students through MS Teams and phone calls to homes/cottages for academic and social-emotional support during the closure.

The decision to move to remote learning was not made lightly, but was done so in the best interest of the health and safety of students, their families, faculty and staff given the recent testing data we were provided. Based on the latest NYS DOH and Suffolk County DHS guidance, **we intend to return to in-person instruction on Tuesday, January 18, 2022,** with Monday being the observance of Dr. King's birthday.

Please contact the main office should you have additional questions during this time.

Thank you,

  
Dr. Harold J. Dean  
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