



ELIZABETH ZIEGLER SCHOOL

January 23, 2019

Dear Elizabeth Ziegler Families,

Now that the snow has started falling, some of our classes like to go sledding on our school hill. Families also like to use the hill at dismissal time. Here are some safety guidelines (based on our school board policies and the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines) that will be in effect when classes go sledding during school hours. We would also recommend you follow these same safety guidelines to be proactive in ensuring everyone's safety. As part of these guidelines, we are required to notify parents of the importance of using a certified hockey/snow sport helmet while sledding. Our policy indicates that this is recommended but not required.

Please contact your child's teacher if you **do not want** your child to participate in sledding or if you would like them to **wear a helmet** during this activity, that you would provide. Teachers will be informing families if they will be participating in sledding this year.

The guidelines and policy also require us to provide specific safety instructions before going down the hill. We will discuss the following: no standing on the sleds, sliding only on the designated paths, and waiting for students to clear out of the way before the next person slides down. Students walking back up the hill should do so away from the sliding areas. Students are expected to follow rules and guidelines or they will be asked to stay off the hill for the remainder of the period.

When sledding with their teachers, students will be asked to only use school equipment. They will not be allowed to use their own sleds, carpets or other snow hill equipment.

Thank you for helping us enforce these guidelines with our students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the office.

Sincerely,



Sara MacNeill
Vice Principal



Susan Marchiori
Principal