

March 3, 2021

Important Notice

Regarding Kindergarten Here I Come (KHIC)

Attention Parents and Guardians,

As Manitoba Public Health regulations regarding the spread of COVID-19 continually change and cause uncertainty to rules and scheduling, it is simply not sensible to run this limited timeframe program. The time that students would be in the 10-day program would be monopolized with implementing safety precautions and cancellations. Additionally, our instructor would be placing themselves as well as all of our families and students at risk by moving between communities and schools potentially spreading the virus.

Turtle River School Division has decided to take the precautionary step of suspending the Kindergarten Here I Come (KHIC) for the 2021 school year.

In an abundance of caution and safety for students in and out of schools, we have made this difficult decision to ensure safety. We want to let parents, guardians, and families know well ahead of our early April program start. The safety and health of students, families, and staff members is our top priority. We want you to know that we still believe strongly in the Kindergarten Here I Come Program and if it were not for safety it would be running. Early years programming is important in supporting student success early and we continue to offer fulltime Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten (*Laurier and Glenella Schools*) in the 2021/2022 school year. Moving forward as children become vaccinated we know that our KHIC program can be restarted safely in the future.

Thank you for your understanding.

Turtle River School Division