

**Permissions and Acknowledgement**  
**Elementary Schools – 2015-2016**

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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR PERMISSION FOR EACH ITEM AS REQUIRED

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**Student Handbook**

The student handbook is included in the student agenda or provided to students in primary grades and it is also available online at [www.scdsb.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.on.ca) (see Parents, Parent Resources). It provides students and parents/guardians with important information about student learning, assessments, code of conduct expectations, safety, parent involvement, appropriate use of internet and technology, bus transportation, health and wellness, calendars and more. Please review it and discuss expectations for behaviour with your child.

- YES     NO    I understand that I am responsible for reviewing the student handbook and discussing expectations for behaviour with my child. I understand that failure to discuss or sign does not release my child from his/her need to comply.
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**Use of Student Personal Information**

The student handbook includes a full notification statement which outlines how your child's personal information is routinely used for an educational or consistent purpose in accordance with the *Education Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (see page 13). In addition to the practices outlined in the agenda, we like to share our good news stories. From time to time, school and/or classroom activities such as student projects, achievements, activities, plays, athletics and presentations are photographed or recorded by school or board staff. Sharing these photographs and recordings is a wonderful way to celebrate and remember these activities, and to showcase our good news stories in the community. We are seeking your approval as follows:

- post identifiable pictures and/or recordings of your child and their name on school and/or board websites, newsletters and/or social media websites (including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, our blog: [www.sharingsimcoe.com](http://www.sharingsimcoe.com) and YouTube);
- share pictures and/or recordings of your child with other students/families in their class; and,
- allow the media to photograph, interview or record (audio or video) your child for the purpose of reporting good news stories and school activities—this may include identifiable images of your child and their name and location as part of their coverage.

- YES     NO    Permission for my child's personal information to be posted on school or board web and social media sites and/or shared with other students/families; and for my child to be photographed or interviewed by the media as outlined above.
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**Walking Trips**

- YES     NO    My child may go for occasional walking field trips in the school's neighbourhood. This may be to visit local facilities (such as libraries), mapping activities, nature walks, etc.
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### Safe-Arrival Program

The Safe Arrival Program is in place in elementary schools to ensure that children arrive safely at school each day. Parent /guardian cooperation in reporting their child's absence is a requirement of the program. If the school is not contacted, staff or volunteers will attempt to contact the family and/or any emergency contacts on file to ensure the student is safe. This is an optional program and you may chose to opt out below.

Please be advised that on days when buses are cancelled due to inclement weather, calls will **not** be made to families whose children ride school transportation. Families of those children who walk to school and who have not opted out of the safe arrival program are asked to report their child's absence to the school if they will not be in attendance. An effort will be made to call families of walking students who are not present but on some days, given the number of absent students, this may be not possible. If your child is a walker, you may chose to opt out of safe arrival calls on inclement weather days below.

- I do not want my child to participate in the safe arrival program. I understand that the school will not call me should my child not be at school.
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- My child walks to school. I would like to opt out of safe arrival on inclement weather days when the buses are cancelled.
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### Student Insurance

All students participating in extra-curricular activities or out-of-province field trips must have either student accident insurance (available through Old Republic Company at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)) or be covered under another existing health and dental coverage plan.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I/We have purchased Student Accident Insurance. | <input type="checkbox"/> I/We have appropriate extended health and dental coverage through another insurance carrier or workplace plan. |
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### Nutrition Break Routines

The 2nd nutrition break is designated as the school's lunch break and students may go home with parental permission. Please indicate if your child will remain at school or go home for lunch.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> My child will go home for nutrition break daily. | <input type="checkbox"/> My child will remain at school during the nutrition break. If they need to go home occasionally, I agree to provide a note for those specific days. |
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### Authorization and Consent

I confirm that I am the student's parent/guardian. I understand that I may withdraw my consent upon written notification to the school principal.

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Student Name (please print)

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Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

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Parent Guardian Signature