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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As per our usual practice, the playground equipment has been closed for the season as winter weather results in unsafe play conditions on these structures.

It has been brought to our attention that the fixed playground equipment is approved for certain age groups as specified by Canadian Standards Association (CSA) ratings. The CSA determines User Age Groups such that fixed play equipment is designed for a specific age group (i.e., 18 months to 5 years; 5 years to 12 years; or 18 months to 12 years). Identification of these age groupings is determined by a plaque which has been affixed to the play structure by the manufacturer and/or through regular inspections. A review of our fixed playground equipment and inspection reports has indicated that our structures fall into the following categories:

Name / Descriptor / Photo of Playground Structure	User Age Group
Blue Climber System (near parking lot)	5 years – 12 years
Climber system with slides (near portables)	5 years – 12 years

As it is not reasonable for supervisors to distinguish which grade 7 students are still eligible, we will be restricting access to the climbers for all of our grade 7 and 8 students.

As we are required to adhere to the User Age Groups indicated for each piece of fixed playground equipment, we would ask that parents/guardians who may be accompanying their children to the playground outside of school hours do the same so as to avoid any confusion on the part of the students.

We have shared this information with our parent groups and we will review designated equipment use with our students in the spring prior to opening it for their use.

Thanks for your support as we continue to work together to promote student safety.

Sincerely,

Alyce Maddox
Principal