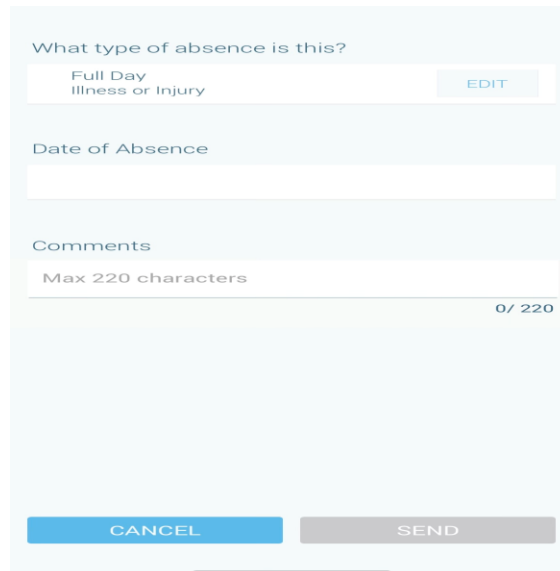Dear Parents and Guardians:

In many provinces, including Nova Scotia, when a school has a high rate of absenteeism due to illness, they typically inform local Public Health. Public Health uses this information to monitor any illness trends or to facilitate early detection of a communicable disease outbreak in our schools and communities. Early intervention can be helpful in reducing spread.

If a trend is noticed, Public Health will follow up with the school to determine next steps.

Parents can be a key player in this process by reporting any **symptoms** (e.g., coughing, vomiting, etc.) that their child is experiencing when absent due to illness. CCRCE has enabled the comment box in the Safe Arrival app for parents/guardians to provide details of symptoms related to their child's illness. If you are using the app to report your child's absence due to illness, please provide these details so we can best support your school community. Below is a screenshot of the new app showing the comment box where symptoms can be reported.

What type of absence is this?

Full Day
Illness or Injury   EDIT

Date of Absence

Comments

Max 220 characters

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CANCEL   SEND

Public Health and CCRCE follow strict privacy and confidentiality protocols related to personal health information, and typically only numbers and symptoms without personal identifiers will be shared.

Thank you for helping to protect our schools and community,

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