



May 20, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Planning Partial Return to School

As we informed you last week, our District will be following the province's direction and will have students return to in-school learning on a part-time basis beginning June 1st. This return to in-school learning is voluntary. To help in our planning, we need your help in gathering information. We understand that not all families are the same and that you can choose to do what works best for your family. We support you and your family's decision.

A school staff member will be calling you by the end of this week to ask a series of questions to determine if you will be sending your child(ren) for in-school learning as of June 1st. Please read through the following information which is meant to help your family decide.

What remains in place no matter what you decide:

- All students will continue with remote learning until the end of the school year.
- Children of essential service workers will continue to be provided in-school support 5 days per week.
- Vulnerable learners will continue to be provided in-school supports.

What you should know to help you decide:

- By the end of this week, the school needs to know whether or not your child(ren) will attend in-school learning beginning June 1st so appropriate arrangements can be made.
- If you want your child(ren) to return to in-school learning, they will be permitted to attend two full days per week for Grades K-5 and 1 day per week for Grades 6-8.
- Policies and procedures for bus transportation during the COVID-19 crisis may result in restrictions to the level of service provided for students.
- The school will provide families of attending students with a schedule for the days their child(ren) can attend before June 1st.
- Safety protocols and procedures will be provided along with those schedules. Information about bringing school supplies and personal devices will also be sent to parents/guardians before June 1st. (Please read attached Health and Safety FAQs for Parents/Guardians).
- The school cannot take requests from families to have their child(ren) attend on particular days.
- In-school learning will look different; students may not necessarily be with their classroom teachers (this is dependent on many factors including size of school population, number of students, ability for teachers and staff to ensure health & safety guidelines are met).
- In-school learning may take place outside of your child's regular classroom (e.g. other classrooms, gymnasium, library, outdoors).

- In-school learning will follow the same plan that students are already receiving through remote learning.
- Teachers and staff may be managing both in-school learning and remote learning and may need to prioritize their time allotted to tasks/students as needed.
- If you change your decision and want your child(ren) to attend in-school learning after June 1st, please let your school administrator know. The school may not be able to accommodate in-school learning until after June 7th, if at all.

What the school requests for you to do to communicate your decision:

- This week, please answer any calls made by your child’s teacher or other school staff (calls from staff may display as ‘No Caller ID’).
- Please take note, phone calls need to be brief to help teachers and staff complete several calls and continue remote learning.
- Please respond to staff questions asked. Sample questions are below.

| Will your child(ren) be attending in-class learning beginning June 1? | Follow-up Questions |
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| Yes | How many children from your family will be returning? Name/Grade/Division of each child from your family. Transportation requirements? Other considerations? |
| No | No further questions are required. |
| Maybe/I’m not sure/I’m waiting to see | No further questions are required. This response will be considered as “no” for June 1 st . |

We appreciate your ongoing support. We understand this is not what we expected the end of the year to look like. We are working together to provide the best education and maintain health and safety guidelines during this unprecedented time. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your school administrator.

Sincerely,



Gord Stewart
Superintendent of Schools