



Deroche Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: Return to Full Time Instruction

I hope you have had a good week. I have communicated with many of you regarding the return to full time instruction at school next Thursday, September 10th, for a full day, (except Kindergarten, information to follow). My hope is to get a chance to connect with all families before the end of the week. Please do not hesitate to email me, call the school, or text or call my cell, (604 302 5769) to express any concerns or questions you have.

There are many routines and protocols being implemented to create as safe an environment as possible at school for your children to learn in. Some examples are:

- 1) All children and staff will be required to wash and sanitize their hands throughout the day using numerous wash stations located throughout the school and each classroom.
- 2) All children will be separated into "Learning Groups" of less than 40 students. All contact with students outside this group will not be permitted both in school and on the playgrounds.
- 3) Extra custodial time is being allocated to our school to allow for extra cleaning during the day and especially any areas used by more than one student, like washrooms, counter surfaces and equipment.
- 4) All students will have the opportunity to wear face masks all day, and upon parent request, students will be required to use them
- 5) Appointments are required for any non-staff person to enter the school and those adults given permission will be required to wear a mask.
- 6) As much as possible, our three outdoor class learning areas and surrounding forest areas will be utilized for instruction.
- 7) There will be strict monitoring of both staff and child health. This may be challenging for families, but anyone displaying any symptoms, like a sore throat, cough or runny nose, will be asked to isolate in a separate room until a parent or guardian or someone designated by same, can pick them up.

Please note that buses will be running, details of which you should have received by now. Finally, I have attached our school supply list and the Staples pre-packaged on-line ordering information. (Please remember that Staples will deliver to your home).

Again, please stay in touch and I apologize if this email is coming to anyone who I have already been in contact with.

Warm regards,

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Mike Abercrombie
Principal – Deroche Elementary