



# DEROCHE NEWS BULLETIN

August 31, 2021

Greetings Deroche Bears! We are very excited to see our returning students and would like to welcome our new families to school. We hope you've had a restful summer and we're looking forward to a great year with you and your children! Here's some information that we wanted to pass along to you about school start-up ....

## **First Day Information:**

The first day of school is on **Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:20-11:00**. Bus students will be returned home at this time. Please note that **Kindergarten students have a gradual entry schedule and will only attend for 30 minutes on the first day** (Group 1: 8:45-9:15 and Group 2: 9:30-10:00). K-Families will receive a call or email with further info.

## **Kindergarten Schedule:**

A gradual entry schedule has been emailed to our Kindergarten families and is posted on the school website. Please note: for the first two weeks of gradual entry there is no busing available for Kindergarten students at early dismissals. Parents can pick-up their child from school at the dismissal times indicated on the schedule.

## **COVID-19 Protocols:**

Although school will be resuming full-time, certain COVID-19 protocols will remain in place to keep the school as a low-risk setting. Students will no longer be organized into learning groups but will be required to stay home when feeling sick. We ask that parents or community members, wishing to enter the school, make arrangements with the office first, as we are limiting the number of visitors in the building at any given time. Masks will be required for any visitors and you will need to sign-in upon entry. Students in Grades 4-6 are expected to wear a mask and K-3 is recommended. All staff will be required to wear a mask while in the school. Health and safety measures will continue to include daily cleaning and disinfecting, regular hand hygiene and the use of our outdoor classroom. Students will enter and exit the building from their designated outer classroom door. "Line up Here" signs will be posted on the first day of school.

## **School Supplies:**

Students will be going to their new classes on the first day of school so you can send their school supplies with them on Tuesday if you have them. If you had ordered a Staples pre-packaged school supply kit, it will be delivered to your home address.

## **Busing:**

For families who have registered for busing: you should receive an email from our Transportation Department by Friday regarding your child's pick-up and drop off times. If you have any busing questions, please contact our Bus Garage at 604-826-2377. Please note: **All** bus students will be required to wear a mask while onboard.

## **StrongStart:**

For our Strong Start Families: please be advised that our StrongStart Program will open on **Monday September 20<sup>th</sup>**. StrongStart will run every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8:30-11:30 pm. We can't wait to see you too!

Please call the school office at 604-826-2360 if you have any questions.

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