

August 18, 2020

Dear Christ the King students and families:

We are so excited to be back at school this week! School staff are working today and tomorrow to ensure everything is ready. Here are some updates:

The first day of school for all students is Thursday, August 20. School begins at 8:35 and ends at 3:00. Here's what students can expect on that morning:

- **Staff will be outside to greet students**
- **Students should gather near their regular entry doors**
- **Classes will stay outside for the first hour or more. This time will allow school administration to speak with each group and then entry to the school will be done in a controlled manner. We are thrilled to be with students again and want them to feel our joy, yet also understand how things will be different this year.**

Planning

- Our finalized Health and Safety Operational Plan was shared on August 12. You will find it on our website under the "Parental Information" tab.
- CKES has done its best to physically distance classrooms. In order to maintain programming and to work within the capacity of our resources, desks are spaced at 1.5m from chair to chair. To mitigate risks, students will not be mixing with other classes and rigorous handwashing routines will be in place. Students may also choose to wear a mask and /or a face shield within the classroom. This will be a family decision that we will support at school.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Our school day will begin at 8:35am and end at 3:00pm
- Students will need to be dropped off and picked up outside of the building. Parents/guardians are asked not to enter the school unless they have made an appointment with the office.
- Parents will also be asked to do a health screen on their children every morning. Any sign of illness (beyond a child's baseline) means a child must stay home. If this is the case, please notify the school. Also do the Covid-19 Self-Assessment found on <https://service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-self-assessment/> The decision to get officially tested for Covid-19 rest with parents/guardians.

Staggered Recesses, Entries and Exits

- To prevent too many students in one area at a time, we have created a system for staggered recesses. Group 1 will have recess from 10:00 – 10:15 and lunch recess from 12:05 – 12:25. Group 2 will have recess from 10:25 – 10:40 and lunch recess from 12:30 – 12:50. Group 1 will consist of grades K, 2, 4 and 6; Group 2 will consist of grades 1, 3, 5, 7. When group 1 is outside on lunch recess, group 2 will eat lunch inside, and then the groups will switch.

- Students in grades 5, 6 and 7 will be assigned lockers, but will not be provided locks. We expect the lockers to be used as “cubbies.” No locks will make access more efficient. Valuable items should not come to school.
- Grades K – 4 students will be assigned coat hook spaces (class 4C will have lockers)
- All lockers and coat hooks will have colour-coded stickers, in a repeating pattern so that every fourth space has the same colour. To enter the school, students of one colour group will go in at a time, in approximately 2-minute intervals. This will allow students to quickly put their outer clothing away, wash their hands and enter the classroom. The goal is to reduce congestion in the hallways. Dismissal of students will occur in the same fashion.

Please discuss with your children the importance of being able to wait turns and be patient. Hygiene and physical distancing are our top methods to mitigate any virus spread. We will need everyone to work together to take care of one another.

If you have any questions, please email or call. We want everyone to feel confident about the return to school. May God bless our planning and our community!

Sincerely,

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