

Student Return To In-school Instruction at Peter Skene Ogden Secondary

Welcome! We are glad you are back! We missed you! Currently we are in Phase 4 of the Ministry of Education restart plan, that is, there is limited access to the school for learning by students. The next phase, Phase 3, is a limited return to in-school class instruction. The start date for this is June 1st. You can refer to the government's education restart plan at the following link.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf>

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Staff and Students

We have hope that you are returning to in class instruction. WorkSafe, the Ministry of Health and Education, as well as the School Board for SD 27 and the staff of PSO have established safe attendance and instruction procedures for return to in class instruction. We ask that you read these procedures with your learners and reinforce that they have to follow them to ensure the safety of EVERYONE. If you wish, you can refer to the following website links for clarification:

<file://sd27.bc.ca/sd27files/Common/ps0/ocommon/COVID%20stuff/Phase%203/SD27%20COVID%20Phase3.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/safe-caring-and-orderly-schools>

Getting Ready to go to PSO

In order to meet the requirements in an efficient and well organized way the following days are set aside for certain groups of students. This is organized to meet COVID density protocols, basically we have to limit the number of people in the school at all times:

Monday: Surnames A – F.

Tuesday: Surnames G – K.

Wednesday: Surnames L – R.

Thursdays: Surnames S - Z

Fridays: Learners staying at home can receive instruction this day. It is a remote learning day.

Note* If your students have different last names and you will be transporting your students to school it's OK to send them all on the same day. Just let us know.

To get ready to go to school your learner needs to do the following.

Have everything they need for the day in a backpack or bag. Lockers are unavailable and WorkSafe has ruled that pencils, pens, equipment etc cannot be shared between stakeholders at school.

Have a prepared lunch and snacks. Food will not be available nor will vending machines or microwaves as these are high touch areas that could spread the virus.

Pre Screen

Before your learner(s) even goes to the bus stop, gets a ride, walks or rides their bike to PSO, prescreen them for illness. What this means is **IF YOUR LEARNER IS SICK, OR HAS SYMPTOMS, KEEP THEM HOME.**

Behavior on Busses

At school bus stops, students must comply with the following:

Maintain social distance

Cough into their elbow

Don't touch their face

Wash their hands **BEFORE** they head to the bus stop

Students are required to sit one student per seat (unless it is a family group) not switch seats mid ride and obey the instructions of the bus driver. Again, this is done to try and reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

If students riding the bus can't follow COVID-19 rules, they won't be allowed to ride the bus.

Arrival at PSO

All exterior doors except the courtyard entrance (located off the bus loop) will be locked. All students must enter the building from this point. WorkSafe, the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education has specified that all stakeholders who enter a school must be **SCREENED** for COVID symptoms. If your learner is deemed healthy, they will be allowed to enter the school and enjoy learning for the day. While students are waiting for class to begin, we ask that they

Maintain social distance

Cough into their elbow

Don't touch their face

Wash their hands **BEFORE** they head to class

Students who get sick at school, or arrive presenting COVID/flu like symptoms, will be isolated from other students and staff. Parents or guardians will be contacted and asked to come and get the student. If parents cannot be contacted, the student will remain at school, isolated, and will ride the bus home, again, isolated as best as possible. The bus driver will be informed of the students' medical condition. If symptoms are COVID-19 like, families are asked to get tested and to self-isolate for 10 days. Refer to the following link, page 5, number three for guidance in this manner:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-covid-19-health-safety-guidelines.pdf>

Visitors and Volunteers at PSO

Under normal circumstances, visitors and volunteers are always welcome, however, the current situation dictates that volunteers and visitors make an appointment to come in. We are obligated to screen you for COVID to ensure the health of stakeholders in the building.

Class Schedule

For the first week, class schedule will look like this:

900am – 1015amBlock A

1025am – 1140amBlock B

Lunch

1235pm – 150pmBlock C

200pm – 314pmBlock D

Extra time is given between classes to allow for social distance movement between classes and handwashing.

The COVID pandemic situation we find ourselves in is very fluid, this schedule may change, stay tuned!

Classroom Procedures and COVID

Classroom doors will be open for students and remain open during class to reduce touched surfaces.

Teachers will establish their safe entry and exit procedures for their own classroom. Teachers will also establish a social distanced seating plan that ensures safety in the classroom. If there isn't enough room in the classroom, students will be directed to another classroom to continue their learning.

Students can use the washroom closest to their classroom and can't wander around the school while they are out. Go to the washroom, do your thing, wash your hands, get back to class.

WorkSafe has determined that schools have to be cleaned and sanitized once a day. High touch equipment (such as pencil sharpeners, light switches, door knobs, keyboards etc) have to be cleaned twice a day. Once again, **HANDWASHING**, is the best defense against COVID-19.

Lunch Hour and Between Class Transitions

At PSO, we have placed directional arrows on the floor as well as stop signs. These are in place to guide students with social distancing and traffic patterns to keep kids apart. If you have been to Save On to buy groceries, it is much like that.

Students will be released for lunch, we encourage them to stay on campus. We encourage them to go outside to eat their lunch, however, if the weather is nasty, students can stay indoors. Students have to abide by COVID-19 safety rules during lunch:

Maintain social distance

Cough into their elbow

Don't touch their face

Wash their hands **BEFORE** they eat and **BEFORE they enter their next class.**

We ask that students maintain social distance between classes in washrooms and wash their hand between classes.

After School and Busses

Students riding the bus home have to follow the same rules as on the way into school. Also, WorkSafe, the Ministry of Health and Education, as well as the School Board for SD 27 have directed us at the school to ensure that students maintain social distance while waiting for the bus. There will be markers on the pavement to guide students to appropriate distances.

Discipline at School while in a Pandemic

All school rules apply during COVID re-entry to school. Suspensions will be in effect where necessary.

We won't have much patience for non-compliance in regards to COVID-19 safety, we will ask the student to change their behavior once and if they don't, they are going to have to continue their learning from home. This has to be done to not only ensure safety of your learner but of all other students and staff.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks and gloves are not needed, beyond those used by staff as part of regular precautions for the hazards normally encountered in their regular course of work. They should only be used when all other controls fail (e.g. only used when other control methods cannot

reduce the risk to a low enough level). Managing students with complex behaviours, on a delegated care plan or experiencing a health emergency may require staff to be in close physical proximity with the student. No additional personal protective equipment is required (for reducing COVID-19 transmission) beyond precautions regularly taken or previously identified for the use with a specific student. There is no evidence to support the use of medical grade, cloth or homemade masks in school settings at this time. Wearing a mask is a personal choice. It is important to treat people wearing masks with respect. More information about COVID-related mask use is available on the BC Centre for Disease Control website.

SD 27 will not provide PPE beyond those who require it (first aid attendants). Stakeholders are welcome to provide their own for their own use.