

June 1st restart of schools. Question and answer.

As many of you know the Ministry has announced a restart of in class instruction on a limited basis starting on June 1st. We have been getting mixed responses from parents to the question of who will choose to attend. Here are some questions that have come up so far.

➤ **Are there certain days students will be in attendance?**

Yes. The Ministry of Education in conjunction with the Ministry of Health has indicated that we can have no more than 20% of the population in attendance at any one time and no more than once a week per student.

➤ **What days will students attend?**

In order to meet the requirements in an efficient and well organized way the following days are set aside for certain groups of students:

Monday: Surnames A – F.

Tuesday: Surnames G – K.

Wednesday: Surnames L – R.

Thursdays: Surnames S–Z

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.

➤ **Do I have to send my child to school?**

No. It is your family's decision whether to send your child to school or not.

➤ **If I choose not to send my child will the on-line option still be available?**

Yes. However, teachers will be preparing in-class lessons and the online option will be scaled back somewhat to mirror what is happening in the class. **Fridays** will be identified as the day for teachers to support online learners. If a teacher chooses to support online learning on other days that is their choice. However, Fridays are specifically set aside to continue to support students working at a distance and it is our expectations that most if not all online support will take place on that day.

➤ **Will buses be running?**

Yes.

➤ **What are the specific health and safety guidelines schools are supposed to adhere to?**

There are many. We have been provided with a comprehensive document that lays out what schools need to do. PSO needs to explain to the school district how we are meeting the guidelines. The school district then informs the Ministry of Education what those plans are. PSO's plan will be on the SD27 website shortly and we will provide it to you when it is completed. Rest assured that we have the safety of students and staff as our highest priority.

➤ **Are there certain health and safety related items that are important to emphasize?**

1. We will be screening students for signs of illness so it would be great if you could do the following:
 - If your child is sick, keep them home.
 - Let us know if your student has allergies. We will let staff know so they can be aware in case they have questions.
2. Sites should not have visitors or volunteers, but if they do, it should be by appointment. Give us a call if you need to come in and we can make arrangements.
3. Parents should not send students with food that needs to be prepared or heated. Microwaves will not be available nor the vending machines to reduce possible touch contamination and reduce the volume of cleaning required.
4. Masks can be worn but are not mandatory.
5. We will have to educate students about physical distancing and hand washing. Our hope and request is that they comply willingly.

➤ **Is there someone I need to inform that my child is coming to school?**

Yes. We need to organize busses and let teachers know how many student to expect. To find that out we would like you to fill out a short survey which you can complete by clicking on the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Kw8-zOp-dOu5k5UVsmNaICEubLTdLYBOvaxaWScYVoxUOzNFSkE1VDZJRldBWkhYMkVBWURFWUpOMC4u>

I'm sure there will lots of questions and we have been working hard to anticipate them and account for them.

Hopefully we'll see you soon.

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