Cliff Drive Connection

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone had a safe and restful vacation. We are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year.

Orientation

Small groups of students from each learning group will meet with their teacher to begin to familiarized themselves with the new health and safety protocols in place. In addition, teachers will be working to reassure students, building classroom community and beginning to develop the classroom routines needed for this year.

Information on where to line up on September 10th to enter the school will be sent out by Wednesday September 9th. Parents are reminded to practice physical distancing while on school grounds.

If your child's last name begins with . . .	On September 10th and 11th come at . . .
A-H	9:00am - 10:15am
I-P	10:45am - 12:00pm
Q-Z	1:00pm - 2:15pm

Health and Safety

In order to ensure the health and safety of all students the following health and safety procedures will be in place:

Environmental Measures

- High touch surfaces (eg. doorknobs, bathrooms) will be cleaned and disinfected twice within a 24 hour period, and once every 24 hours in general areas.
- Visual cues are posted to ensure safe traffic flow and highlight personal hygiene measures.
- High touch items that are not easily clean will be removed.

- Shared equipment will be limited.
- Maintenance teams have checked all ventilation systems and confirmed that our air filtration systems meet the provincial standards required.

Administrative Measures

- **Learning groups** have been created to minimize contact between students throughout the day
- Cohorts will have alternating breaks (Recess and Lunch) to allow for reduced student density on the playground.
- Visitors to the building will be limited and prioritized for educational and health purposes.

Personal Measures

- Students and staff need to follow the Self Assessment Checklist before coming to school each day
- Physical contact will be minimized between students within a classroom and cohort
- Physical distancing (2M) will be maintained indoors for students staff of different learning groups. Physical separation will be maintained outdoors between students.
- Strict hand hygiene practices will be in place for all students and staff
- All classes have hand washing or sanitizing stations at entrances.

Masks

Teachers and school staff will be wearing masks and/or face shields in different areas around the school. The choice to wear a mask, or not, is a personal, family decision. If you send your child with a mask, please ensure your child has been taught all of the protocols of wearing a mask prior to coming to school.

What is a Learning Group?

A learning group is a group of students and staff who will remain together throughout the school year and who primarily interact with each other. Learning groups were recommended by the Provincial Health Officer to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. At Cliff Drive, a learning group is typically made up of a classroom and a teacher.

What is a cohort?

At Cliff Drive, learning groups will be paired with another learning group to play together at recess and lunch. They will be expected to stay physically apart from each other but will be outside at the same time. These pairs of classes are considered a cohort.

Parent Connect Information

The following forms are posted to Parent Connect for you to review and authorize:

1. Google Apps for Education
2. Family Demographic Information
3. Emergency Release Information
4. Outside Media In Schools
5. Personal Information Consent
6. Walking Field Trips
7. Fee Structure and Policy Document
8. Daily Health Check (Covid)*

*New this year is the Daily Health check. Parents are **required** to complete the form which confirms the agreement and understanding of parental obligation to administer a daily health check of their child(ren) before coming to school each day. **Parents MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM BEFORE THE RETURN OF SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 10th, 2020**. **Students are not permitted to return to school until such time as this form is complete.**

If you have forgotten your password, just click on the "forgot my password" icon and you will receive your password via e-mail. If you are new to the school and have not yet accessed Parent Connect, click the Retrieve Initial password link and follow the instructions. The email that you receive newsletters on is usually the email on record. Please let us know if you have any questions.