



# Cougar Creek Connection

## May 25, 2020

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*Welcome to our school Newsflash. I am hoping that this format will continue to keep you up to date as we navigate these challenging times together. Thank you for taking the time to read.*

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## Return to School



Hello Parents, Students, & Families,

I want to take this time to thank you for your understanding and patience as we transition into the next phase of the school year. Remote learning will continue for all students until June 25th, however, schools will also be offering in-class learning, beginning on June 1st. In-class learning is optional and the decision of each family. We will continue to support students whether at home or as we welcome them back to school.

As we look forward and plan to welcome students on a voluntary, part-time basis back to school, our number one priority will be the health & safety of our students and staff as we prepare for this next phase of learning. As mentioned in Dr. Jordan Tinney's message to parents, we are putting a number of health and safety protocols in place in order to ensure that we do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19, as well as keep our students and staff safe and healthy. Below is an outline of some of the protocols and responsibilities that we are planning for. While this is not an exhaustive list, I wanted to share with you some of the protocols that will be in place in order for you to be able to prepare your child(ren), if they will be returning to school in June. Currently, this is the "new normal" that we will be working with.

If your child returns to school, you can expect the following:

- Parents and caregivers will have the responsibility to assess their children daily before sending them to school. No person experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease shall be permitted to enter the school building or any District site.
- If the student experiences symptoms while at school, they will be isolated, with supervision, and parents will be notified. Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.

- Parents and caregivers remain outside the school building for pick-up and drop-off. Please ensure that you are practising physical distancing from other families while on-site.
- Parent/caregiver access to the building is limited. Schools and district sites will remain closed to the public. Communication with the office will occur by phone or email, rather than in person. The main front doors of the school will be locked.
- **No lunch drop off will be permitted.** Students are expected to arrive with all that they need to start and finish the day.
- Frequent and increased handwashing throughout the day, at every break, every time students enter or leave the room, and before and after consuming any food items.
- Depending upon enrolment, there is potential for your child to be with a different teacher, different peers, or in a different classroom. We will attempt to keep students with their regular teacher and in their usual learning space.
- Some shelves and shared materials will be covered/papered off.
- Classroom walls and surfaces will be decluttered to assist with new sanitation protocols.
- Loose parts, manipulatives, and toys will typically not be shared or used.
- Seating will be spaced apart and students will be encouraged to stay in their own spot.
- Physical distancing efforts will be in place, although, this cannot be guaranteed.
- Children will be required to bring their own supplies to school, and to take them home with them at the end of the day.
- Staggered recess and lunches. Slight adjustments to entry and exit times may also occur.
- Teachers and/or students may choose to wear masks. Please prepare your child for this difference.
- Music, library, band, gym, and LST will be offered in a different format.
- More time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress for the weather, daily.
- Playground structures may be open but will be used in systematic ways to promote physical distancing.
- Social opportunities will be different and limited in some ways.

***Below is an outline of what the schedule for return to school will look like.***

Tentative Schedule (Your child(ren) will be assigned to a Group A or Group B. Later this week, please look for additional, detailed information, from your child's teacher, as to what group your child will be

assigned to.) Students designated as needing additional support, and children of Essential Service Workers, may attend every day, if parents choose.

K-5 and the 5/6 Classes Group A: Mondays and Thursdays

K-5 and the 5/6 Classes Group B: Tuesdays and Fridays

Grade 6 Class Group A: Monday

Grade 6 Class Group B: Tuesday

Grade 7 Classes Group A: Thursday

Grade 7 Classes Group B: Friday

Wherever possible, we will do our best to set up groups so that siblings attend school on the same days.

On Wednesdays, there will be no direct instruction. Support workers will provide supervision for any Essential Service Worker students in the building. This will also be a day for custodial staff to perform a deep clean of the school.

Students who choose to stay home will continue to be able to participate in their on-line learning, until the end of June.

In order for us to more effectively plan for students' return to school, **please complete the survey below by 4:00PM, Wednesday, May 27, 2020.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel to reach out to me, either by phone or email.

Stay healthy,

Mrs. Jennifer Tarnowski, Principal

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## Parent Survey

Please click on the link below.

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