

Friday, May 29, 2020

Dear CTS Families,

I'm very pleased to inform you of the upcoming reopening of our school for face to face learning! Your patience and understanding during the long weeks of closure and uncertainty are most appreciated.

This letter is to inform parents and families of the new routines they can expect for school.

STUDENT and STAFF SAFETY

Student and staff safety is our number one priority.

- We will have 2 daytime custodians
- They will clean high touch surfaces throughout the day and disinfect classrooms
- We will be reminding our students of the importance of following the guidelines around frequent hand washing, physical distancing and staying home if they are feeling sick.
- Desks and tables have been separated by 2m distance.
- Children will not be gathering on the carpet or sharing supplies
- Smaller class sizes are an important step to keeping students safe

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

A daily checklist for COVID-19 symptoms must be completed by Parents and Guardians prior to dropping your child off for the day. If your child displays any of the symptoms of COVID or is at all ill, please do NOT send them to school!

If your child displays any symptoms while at school, they will be isolated and you will be called to pick them up immediately!

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses including the flu and common cold. They include:

- Fever• Chills• Cough• Shortness of breath• Sore throat and painful swallowing
- Stuffy or runny nose• Loss of sense of smell• Headache
- Muscle aches• Fatigue• Loss of appetite

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

As a safety precaution, schools are closed to the public. **No parents/visitors are allowed inside our school.** This includes picking up or dropping off children, speaking with a teacher or dropping off lunches. **If you wish to come inside the building, you must call or email the school first and make a plan with Mrs. Newman.** Please make sure your child has their lunch and a filled water bottle.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE!

All K-6 students will be attending school for two days from 8:30 -2:30. Grade 7s will attend one full day. Please understand with fewer students your child may be grouped with children from other classes. They may have their own teacher or a different teacher.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

We have new lineup spots for some classes. *Please see the attached map for arrival and dismissal spots.* There will be signs where your child should line up. Please help them to remember to stand 2 m apart from their classmates. You may stand close and wait with your child. Please remember to maintain a safe distance with other adults!

OUTSIDE TIME and DRESS CODE

Teachers may take students outdoors to learn and play throughout the day. Please ensure they have a jacket and outdoor shoes. Children should be wearing their CTS uniform daily! Recess and lunch times will be the same. Teachers will explain rules for safe play on the playground. Our noon hour supervisors will be outside at lunch time.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Teachers will send you a list of a few needed school supplies. Supplies that will not be shared with other students.

FIRST AID

We have three staff who are also our First Aid attendants. They have been supplied with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) if needed.

ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS LEARNING HUB

Children of essential service workers (ESW) have access to school for 5 days. The children at our ESW Learning Hub are children of CTS parents. As per the schedule attached, MON and THURS they will be in their class groups. TUES and FRI they will be in a multi-age learning hub with a Teacher and two EAs. ON Wednesdays, they will be in a multiage daycare setting.

WEDNESDAY is DEEP CLEANING DAY

Staff and students will not come to school on Wednesday, except for children in the ESW daycare. The school will undergo a thorough deep cleaning. ESW students supervised by EAs and Mrs. Newman will be in the building to oversee the day.

STUDENT LEARNING (FACE TO FACE/ONLINE)

Face to face instruction will look different as classes have fewer and different children. Please do not think that your child is missing out if you choose to keep them home. Online learning will continue in a blended format.

FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION

The focus of learning when children return will be on social emotional needs, health and safety routines, as well as some numeracy and literacy. In many classrooms, there will be an increased emphasis on outdoor learning. In-class learning may also provide support for online studies, but that will not be the primary focus.

ONLINE (HOME) LEARNING

Teachers will be offering a simplified online program. As they will be teaching Mondays and Thursdays at school, they may not be available for support online. Teachers will continue to offer a reduced weekly program of activities, including optional (choice) lessons. Some schedules may need to be changed once we return to in-class schooling.

****Please note that the week of June 1-5 ALL Surrey teachers and support staff are required to report to school every day except Wednesday. Online learning may be reduced this week.*

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your ongoing support with home learning, and your patience as we prepare to return to limited in-class instruction. Please know that you are in our hearts and minds. We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Newman