



Mountainview Montessori School

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May 22, 2020

Dear Mountainview families,

There is a light at the end of the tunnel! We will indeed be starting back at school on June 1, as announced last week. At this time, our Superintendent has submitted our plan to the Minister of Education for approval and we will be sharing that plan with you next **Tuesday, May 26th**.

The plan will contain specific instructions around where children will go in the mornings, what they will do at school, and how we will be implementing cleaning protocols and encouraging students to wash their hands frequently and to distance themselves from others. The plan will also include which days children will come to school. **Every attempt will be made to ensure children from the same families are attending on the same days.**

The **at-home remote learning will also continue** at this time, comprising most of the academic load for this third term, so families will be asked to continue with that work and communication with the teacher, even though children may be coming to school. If your child has a loaned ipad or laptop at home, they may keep it for now and continue to use it, although individual teachers *may* ask them to bring it to school to support them in their work while students are here.

As mentioned by Education Minister Rob Fleming, we will do our best to ensure your child is with their usual classroom teacher, but there may be some circumstances that will prevent that. Please know that all of our teachers are committed to your children and have been working so hard to support their learning remotely these last few months, and they will continue to do so even if they are not able to physically be in the building.

One thing to consider at this time is that children of Essential Workers are welcome to come to school 5 days per week. Teachers will not be at work on Wednesdays, but supervision will still be available for those children and they will continue to engage in fun learning activities on those days and they may also work on their remote learning program at school.

Just to give you all a friendly heads up, at the recommendation of Dr. Henry and our Health Minister, we will **be asking parents to NOT enter the school through any of the classroom doors**. Our front doors will also be locked, but please know this is not because we don't want to talk to you! Ms. Rutherford will be outside each morning to say hello. Our wonderful clerks are available to answer questions. Please do not hesitate to call the office and they will assist you over the phone. We are also asking that parents please **send lunches with your child in the morning** as we will not be able to accommodate the same number of folks bringing lunch at lunch time. Right now, we are trying to limit the number of people entering the building so that we can keep up with the cleaning protocols. We really appreciate your cooperation as we work to find the systems that will work to keep us all healthy and allow us to get back to some semblance of normal life.



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We will be asking for families to report to us next week whether your children will be attending in class instruction or not. This will allow us to ensure appropriate staffing is in place, so watch for that early next week as well.

As always, thank you so much for all you are doing to support your children's learning at home, and for keeping the communication flowing with the teachers. This has been a difficult time for many, and the cooperation we have experienced with all of you has made the remote learning aspect of school as successful as it has been. We look forward to seeing some happy faces very soon.

Once we have shared the plan, please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Rutherford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ms. Cheryl Rutherford
Principal