Friday, May 29, 2020

Re: Re-opening of School to Face to Face Learning

Dear North Surrey Students, Parents and Guardians

We hope that you and your family are doing well. We would like to extend our appreciation for the support and understanding that members of our school community have shown as we transitioned to remote learning following Spring Break. Your efforts have helped to ensure that student learning has continued over the last two months.

Thank you also to those who have responded to our survey. The information you provided has helped to assist in our planning for the weeks ahead. We have been busy preparing to welcome back those students who will be returning to the classroom for face to face learning beginning June 1. We look forward to seeing staff and students at North Surrey next week.

We write this letter to inform parents and families of the new routines they can expect for school.

As we have been planning for the return of students, we have been guided by our shared commitment to ensuring the safety of all members of our school community. 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.

Access to our building will be limited to students and staff unless prior arrangements have been made through the principal. This includes picking up or dropping off children, coming into the school to discuss issues with the administration or teachers, or to drop off lunches. Should you need to pick up your child early, or need to contact the school, please call the office at 604-581-4433.

We have put in place plans to help with physical distancing and minimizing physical contact. Physical distancing can be challenging in a school setting, particularly with younger students. As such, it is reasonable to establish different expectations for varying age levels and activities. For example, younger students should be supported to have minimized physical contact with one another, while older students and adults should seek to maintain a safe physical distance of at least 2 metres from others whenever possible.

Please be reminded that parents and caregivers are responsible to assess their child(ren) **each day** before going to school. If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease please keep your child home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND the symptoms have resolved.

Important details for students who choose to sign up for in class support

- To manage the health and safety of our students and staff we ask that students sign up with their individual teachers to receive face to face in class support. Teachers may also invite students to come in as well. There will be no more than seven students in a class at any one time. Students will not be sharing desks, chairs, or any other classroom materials. Please bring what you need for that class.
- Students will enter the school through the **main front doors only** and proceed directly to their scheduled support class. Once finished their support session students are to leave the school. **Please be on time for your support class.**
- We have implemented all required Provincial and District health and safety protocols in the school and will supervise and remind students to follow these.
- It is imperative that parents assess the health of their children each morning before sending them in to school. If they are unwell and have flu-like symptoms such as a cough or fever they are to stay home.
- There will be no lunch service available for students and vending machines have been emptied.
- If students require bussing we will have two pick ups and two drop offs. Pick ups will be in the morning and at lunch to come to school and a return bus after lunch and at the end of the day. Arrive at NSS 8:25 am, Depart NSS 11:00, Arrive at NSS 12:00 pm, Depart NSS 2:45 pm
- If students have textbooks they no longer need please return these **only** if you have scheduled a support class with your teacher. While here we also ask that you please clean out your locker. Again, this is for students who have booked support

- Students who sign up for in class support may not have their current teacher to help them if they are away. Please connect with your individual teacher on their availability when scheduling a support session.
- Students have the option of signing up for one time slot per day that works best for their schedule. Please see the schedule below to assist in you:

Time	Monday (A)	Tuesday	Wednesday (Remote	Thursday	Friday (D)
		(B)	Learning)	(C)	
8:30-9:50	A1	B1	Deep Clean	C1	D1
10:00-11:20	A2	B2	No Face to Face	C2	D2
11:20-12:00	LUNCH		Remote Learning Only	LUNCH	
12:00-1:20	A3	В3	Prep/Office Hours	C3	D3
1:30-2:50	A4	B4		C4	D4
*Only a MAX of 7 stu	dents PER session		·		

We are very much looking forward to supporting students in their online and face to face learning. We are in this together and appreciate your patience as we all get used to the changes in practice.

Sincerely,

D. Bedard Principal