

Friday September 4, 2020

School Start Up Information

Hello Seaview Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you for your effort in reading and understanding the information I sent home last week and completing the survey. This week I have spoken to many of you and appreciate your understanding in this difficult time. I believe I have returned all of the messages left for me, and have left messages for a few people I have yet to connect with. If you are currently waiting for a call back from me I apologize. Please send me an e-mail if you are still looking to connect.

Although it has been a long couple of weeks getting ready, I am confident that we are on the precipice of an great year of learning at Seaview. Watching the amazing work our staff did in learning how to teach online and supporting our students last Spring and feeling the support of our school community I am very confident that whatever challenges we face this year will be tackled with a positive attitude and attempts to make it work on everyone's part. To say things are going to look different is a little bit of an understatement, and I thank you all in advance for your continued support of the school moving forward!

Following the information I sent out last week a few parents asked for more specifics on safety measures we had in place, thus I will provide a few general pieces here. I will also be scheduling a few sessions (potentially online or in a distanced way) for parents who would like more information. Once these are scheduled I will send out information:

Hand Washing

- Students will wash/sanitize their hands at the following times:
 - When arriving / leaving school
 - Whenever the sneeze or cough
 - After using the washroom
 - Before eating
 - Before they move from one learning space to another
 - Before / After outside playtime
 - Whenever hands are visibly soiled

Distancing

- When with their learning group (class) students will:
 - Be asked, and supported by the teacher, to maintain distance when possible
 - This will be dependent on:
 - Space within the classroom
 - Number of students/staff in the classroom
 - Physical layout of classroom (Learning environments have had changes to layout to support this)
 - Be asked, and supported by the teacher, to not physically touch other students
 - Wear a mask if they wish

- When outside of their learning group (class):
 - o Students will:
 - Maintain distance from others outside of their learning group
 - Wear a mask if they wish
 - o Staff will:
 - Maintain distance from others outside of their learning group
 - Wear a mask

- Movement within the building will be restricted / controlled, for example:
 - o Hallways have been marked with directional lines to follow
 - o Student will not come to office for attendance, bandaids, notices, etc.
 - o Student entry will be via outside classroom (or nearby) door at all times
 - o Visitors / Parents are only permitted inside the school with prior permission, will need to sign in for contact tracing, will need to wear a mask and complete a personal health check.
 - o To start the year classes taught by other teachers will take place in the child's classroom (ex, Music / Library)

Sharing of items

- Sharing of items between students will be kept to an absolute minimum, for example:
 - o Student are only to eat food brought from their home
 - o Personal items students bring with them are only for themselves
 - o Student school supplies will not be shared, individual supply boxes have been purchased by the school for those who don't have them.
 - Please send school supplies on Monday, Sept 14th
 - Supplies ordered through Creative Children have arrived and will be given to students on Sept 14th
 - o Whenever practical learning support materials will not be shared by students (ex, counting tokens for Math or other manipulatives)
 - o The Provincial health authority has advised us that there is no concern regarding transmission of COVID-19 involved in the sharing on non-laminated paper items or books
 - o If a learning material is shared by more than one student:
 - Hands will be washed before and after the activity
 - Materials will be cleaned as per the Provincial Health Guidelines for frequently touched surfaces

Parents / Guardians on the School Grounds

As adults we do a lot to model behaviour for our children. With this in mind I ask that all parents and children practice social distancing (2 meters) while on school grounds. In order to help students understand the importance of this, even if there is a family who you consider to be "inside your bubble" I would ask that you keep distant while at the school. I would also encourage adults to wear a mask when interacting with others at the school, our staff will be modelling this by wearing masks whenever outside of their learning groups, and within their learning groups when they feel it is necessary. I will be posting signs around the property to this effect and thank you in advance for doing your part.

First Week Schedule – Grade 1 - 5

Below is the schedule for Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th. Please have students arrive no more than 5 minutes before their scheduled time and ensure that you and your children do not remain on the school grounds following your scheduled time. The meeting locations will be sent out next week, however I wanted to publish this information to allow you to schedule your days in advance.

Thursday, September 10th – 15 minutes socially distanced welcome in small groups (Under 10 children) in an outdoor setting.

- 9:00 – 9:15 – Last Names A – B
- 9:30 – 9:45 – Last Names C – G
- 10:00 – 10:15 – Last Names H – K
- 10:30 – 10:45 – Last Names L – P
- 11:00 – 11:15 – Last Names R – S
- 11:30 – 11:45 – Last Names T - Z

Friday, September 11th – One hour socially distanced welcome and safety orientation in small groups (Under 10 children) in a classroom.

- 9:00 – 10:00 – Last Names A – G
- 10:30 – 11:30 – Last Names H – L
- 12:30 – 1:30 – Last Names M - Z

Kindergarten Gradual Entry Schedule

After sending this e-mail I will send e-mails to kindergarten families with information regarding the gradual entry process. If you do not receive an e-mail today (Friday) please contact me via e-mail to let me know.

2020-2021 Class Placement

On Monday, September 14th students attending in person will go directly to their new classes for the school year. Either on Friday or over the weekend I will communicate the classroom placements with parents.

Gradual Transition Support

Several families have chosen not to return to school right away this school year. Although you won't be here with us in person, we still look forward to having you be a part of our community this year. During the week of September 14th, the teachers will reach out to and connect with the students in their class who are doing Gradual Transition Support. Beginning the week of September 21st learning materials will be sent home to students directly from their child's classroom teacher. As the Fall progresses I will be in touch with all of these families regularly to discuss how things are going and help facilitate any changes in the programming for these children. If you require any more information or have any questions about this please drop me an e-mail.

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