

January 7, 2022

Dear Tweedsmuir Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2022!

We are excited to welcome all students back to face-to-face instruction on January 10, 2022. We hope that you are well, staying safe, and taking good care of each other. We know that this new year comes with further changes, but please know the safety and well-being of students, staff and our community continue to remain our top priority. We are still executing on the direction we're being given by the Ministry of Education under the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer, WorkSafeBC, and Fraser Health.

On Monday morning, we will return to welcoming Tweedsmuir students to our school in two groups to provide improved spacing with this staggered start. Group A will enter the building at 8:50 while Group B will enter the building at 8:55. Please see the chart below to determine which group your child is in. Please note that these groups are different than the groups that we were using in September.

Group A	Group B
Division 1 – White	Division 3 - Jovanovic
Division 2 - Kennedy	Division 4 - Burgess
Division 5 - Kumar	Division 6 - Lee
Division 10 – Janz/Stephen	Division 7 – Wyness/Munroe
Division 12 - Ramsay	Division 8 - Choi
Division 13 - Tse	Division 9 - Madlambayan
Division 14 – Sol/Penner	Division 11 - Seddiki
Division 15 - Taylor	Division 17 - Liu
Division 16 - Alava	Division 18 - Lecavalier

To provide ample space for students and caregivers, we are asking that students do not arrive more than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled entry time. We are also requesting that students and families do not remain on school grounds after their child is dismissed to support us in providing students and families with ample space to socially distance. For those families who have children who are entering and exiting the building through the main front entrance, we are asking parents to wait on the sidewalk so that we may bring classes out to dismiss from their line up spot. Given that we have increased numbers on site for drop off and pick up, even though we are outside, it would be helpful if adults and children could be wearing masks

Within their line, students do not need to physically distance themselves, but they need to keep hands and bodies within their own personal space. Their teacher will pick them up from their usual location and also return them to this spot at the end of each school day.

Visitors to the school will be limited to those involved directly with the learning of students at this time. Please send your child to school with their lunches at the beginning of the day to reduce the need for visitors coming into the building around lunch time to drop off lunches as this is already a very busy time at the office. Thank you in advance for your support with this. In addition, if you need to pick up your child early, please contact the office and classroom teacher in advance and we will have the student ready for you at the office. If students develop any symptoms while at school, we will be calling to have someone pick them up. Please make arrangements ahead of time to make sure that you have an alternate person available for pick up if you are unable to come to the school yourself. If you are in need of assistance, please contact our school office at 604.517.6070 or email the school at lordtweedsmuir@sd40.bc.ca.

We would like to provide you further information about what you can expect when your child returns. We are following the enhanced safety measures prescribed by the Provincial Health Officer and WorkSafeBC and this will mean that things will once again be different in our classrooms. Some specific information that you may wish to discuss with your child addressing the enhanced safety measures may include:

- Classroom layout changes to further support physical distancing (E.g., Desk arrangements)
- A reduction in activities that require face-to face interaction
- Continued focus on increased hand washing opportunities, mask wearing and respecting personal space
- Staggered entry and exiting the building to reduce crowding in hallways
- A return to alternate groups for lunch time
- Assemblies will continue to be experienced virtually
- Student conferences scheduled for February will also be done virtually – more information to come
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will remain in place

We are hoping to ask for your continued support with providing masks for your child to wear while at school and with completing the [Daily Health Check](#) every day (please keep your child at home if your child is experiencing any symptoms). Please let our office know if your child will be late or absent as soon as you are able to do so.

Our teachers have spent some time this week setting up contingency plans for potential temporary school closures due to extreme circumstances. If you are needing any support with accessing MS Teams, please reach out to your classroom teacher. They will be providing more information for you over the next couple of weeks.

I know that this new year brings a return to some of our past safety measures, but some things remain constant: our love of learning and dedication to ensuring the personal growth of all our learners. I want to assure you that we are continuing to work hard to plan for a positive learning experience for your child. Thank you for your patience, support and entrusting your child with us.

Kindly,

Jen Richter.....