

Salmo Elementary School Return to School Plan September 2020

Four Guiding Principles during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

1. Maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families, and staff.
 2. Provide the services needed to support the children of our essential workers.
 3. Support vulnerable students who may need special assistance.
 4. Provide continuity of educational opportunities for all students.
 5. Promote positive relationships and keep students at the centre of our learning.
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1. Learning Groups

Our learning groups consist of 2-3 classes of similar grades and close proximity. Learning groups may choose to do activities together, and will have their scheduled breaks with one another. Specific information includes:

- a. Three learning groups throughout the school (1 primary learning group, 2 intermediate learning groups)
- b. Support staff will be assigned to specific learning groups and will work within them.
- c. Any staff not assigned to a learning group, or moving between learning groups, will work with students using physical distancing and masks.

2. Bell Schedule & Breaks

School begins on September 10 for a full day, 8:25am to 2:46pm.

September 10 and 11 are orientation days for students to get to know their learning groups, health protocols and new ways of moving around the school.

Kindergarten students will have a graduated entry and will begin full days on September 25. Specific information for Kindergarten will be available from the teachers.

Time	Learning Group Schedule
8:25	Bus student arrival
8:35	Local student arrival
8:45	Morning Bell
10:10-10:25	Primary Learning Group recess
10:25-10:40	Intermediate Learning Groups recess
12:15-12:45	Primary Learning Group Lunch
12:45-1:15	Intermediate Learning Groups lunch
2:46	Dismissal

- For students who are walking or being dropped off, please arrive no earlier than 8:35. This will allow bus students to carefully offload and move their allocated playground areas.
- Each learning group will have designated playground areas in the morning and identified classroom line ups.
- Parents are welcome on the playground in the morning. Please be reminded to maintain physical distancing from other students and adults.
- Breaks will be staggered. The Primary Learning group will have a separate break time. Intermediate learning groups will have similar break times:
 - They will leave and enter the building in a staggered manner
 - They will leave and enter from separate entrances
 - Each learning group will have their own designated playground area
- Students will eat lunch in their classroom. No shared food.

3. Movement Through the Building

- Learning groups will have designated separate entrances.
 - 2 entrances at the primary wing
 - 2 entrances at the intermediate wing
- Teachers will greet them and admit students to the building.
- Hand sanitization will be available upon entry
- Students will be directed to immediately wash their hands upon arrival.
- Washrooms will be assigned according to learning groups and location in the building
- There will be signs on the floors to indicate movement in hallways and common areas. Stay to the right.
- Coat hooks will be used outside of the classrooms. Students will be assigned a hook and these will be spaced out. Student belongings will go home at the end of each day.
- Students are discouraged from bringing additional items to school. Please only a backpack, lunch kit and what is needed for the day.
- Use of shared spaces will be limited and controlled.

4. Health and Safety

- Parents will need to complete a health check each morning. ***No sick child will be permitted in the school.***
- Stage 2 safety procedures will be posted, taught, and coached to all learning groups in a developmentally appropriate way.
- Hand washing and sanitization will be a priority:
 - All students will sanitize their hands upon arrival to school, before and after going outdoors, before and after eating, before and after a hands-on activity
- Visitors to the school:
 - Access to the school is limited to those supporting activities that benefit student learning and well-being.
 - Parent meetings with teachers can occur:
 - Outside
 - Via phone
 - Via zoom
 - When an in-person meeting is deemed necessary, a parent/visitor must:

- Make an appointment with the Principal
 - Sign in/ out with the secretary.
 - Wear a mask
 - Complete the health & safety check
 - Sanitize hands immediately upon arrival
- Accurate attendance will be taken each day.
- Masks/PPE: Non-medical masks are required to be used in situations where a person: a) cannot maintain physical distance AND b) is in close proximity to a person outside their learning group.
 - Our school will have non-medical masks available for staff and students, including anyone who becomes ill at school.
 - Masks are not required for younger elementary; however, we strongly encourage everyone to wear one.
 - Only Middle and Secondary students are required to wear a mask on the school bus. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons.
- Protocols if child is sick:
 - ***Students feeling ill should stay home.***
 - If a student becomes ill while at school parent/guardians will be notified. Belongings will be gathered and the student will wait with a supervisor in the designated sick room. All sick children will be treated with care, compassion, discretion and expediency.
 - Only designated guardians will be allowed to pick up students.
- Custodians will be present throughout the day and will be consistently cleaning high touch areas and bathrooms.

5. Transportation

It is preferable for students to either walk or be dropped off at school to reduce bus capacity

- Arrival – upon arrival, students will proceed to their assigned playground area and class line up
- Dismissal - At the end of the day, teachers will lead their class outside through their assigned entry/exit doors. Students walking home or being picked up are to leave immediately.
 - Bus students will gather in their assigned bus line up and wait for their bus.
 - All bus students must be registered to ride the bus