

Parents/Guardians

**2021-2022 COVID-19 School-based Direction (Directions are based on a state of Low –Risk)**

**When school starts, the following masking guidelines will be in place:**

- Masks will be required for staff and students in all grades when transitioning through the school building, as well as any visitor to the building.
- Masks may be removed when seated in classrooms.
- Masks will be required for staff in classrooms in Grades K-6 when physical distancing is not possible.
- Masks will be required for staff and students in all grades on school buses.

**Other important information regarding school start up:**

- Cohorting is not required in school or on buses.
- Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school. Water stations will be closed for now and we will be using water filling stations.
- Contact tracing will continue for now.
- Parents and visitors will have to sanitize and sign in upon entering the building.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the school.
- The operational plan we developed last year will be implemented when there is an Elevated Risk in the province or a particular school community.

**Drop off and Pickup**

Bus students only

- Elementary – if students arrive prior to 8:15am they may come into the building and wait for the duty teacher to go outside on duty (8:15-8:30).
- Elementary - if students arrive after 8:15am they will go directly to their designated playground area (8:15-8:30).
- Junior High – if students arrive prior to 8:15am they will go into the junior high door at the front of the school and wait for the bell to ring at 8:30 before going to class.
- Junior High – if students are arriving on the bus after 8:30am, they are asked to enter the designated junior high door at the front of the school.

Dropping off students

- Elementary – parents are asked to drop students off between 8:20am-8:30am
- Elementary – students dropped off between 8:20-8:30 are to go to their designated playground area.
- Elementary - students dropped off after 8:30 are asked to go directly into the school, through the main doors
- Junior High – parents are asked to drop their child off between 8:20am-8:30am
- Junior High – students dropped off after 8:30am are asked to go into the junior high door at the front of the school and go directly to class

Pickup:

- Elementary (K to 4) students will be brought to the front of the school to meet parents/guardians.
- Elementary (5 to 6) students will exit through the bus door and meet parent/guardians at the front of the school.
- Junior high students will exit through the front junior high door to meet parents/guardians.

**Lunch**

- Students will be eating in their class rooms to start the school year.
- Chartwells will be operating again this year and we encourage students to pre-order in advance or first thing in the morning.
- Parents will have the opportunity to pre-order. Information has been sent to you through your email account.
- Only students in grades 7-9, buying from Chartwells, will eat in the cafeteria. All other student purchasing from Chartwells will eat in their classroom.
- Chartwells starts on September 13, 2021.
- PEI Provincial Food Program on line ordering form has been sent to you through an earlier email.
- PEI School Food Program will start early September.

**New Kindergarten Students**

- Those students traveling on the bus will be greeted by a staff member and taken to their respective classroom.
- If a parent is bringing their child on the first day of school, a staff member will greet you in the main entrance, and take your child to their class.
- Please make sure you include a note in your child's schoolbag indicating where your child goes after school.
- If traveling home on the bus, please include the bus number. Also, please include the morning bus number as well.
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle, indoor runners/sneakers, a snack and a lunch.
- If there is anything you feel your child's teacher needs to know, please share it with the staff member greeting you and your child.
- Drop off will begin around 8:20am.

There will be ongoing evaluation of these measures by the Chief Public Health Office.