



Daysland School
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Dear Daysland School Families,

We welcome everyone back for an exciting year at Daysland School! The 2020-21 school year will look differently than others. Staff have been busy preparing for a safe and successful school return. We want to make sure that you have as much information as possible in order to prepare your family for the beginning days and beyond. This letter provides details of the guidelines are in place and how we are accommodating them to ensure all members of the Daysland School community can have a safe and comfortable learning environment. Please review all of the information as it will give all families a glimpse of what to expect after being away from school for the past five months.

Elementary Students

Classes must be kept separate as they enter/leave and throughout the day by provincial guidelines. On the first day, at the front of the school, elementary students will need to find their teacher (holding a grade numbered card) to gather together as a cohort to enter the school. Bus students will be dismissed a bus at a time. Students that walk or are dropped off, will need to find their teacher. Students will be given a mask if they do not come with their own. Bus students will have already received a disposable one from their bus driver. Students will then be led through their designated entrance. Entrances have been designated to limit the number of students that enter through each door. Please note that all exterior doors remain locked, and school visits are by appointment, according to division guidelines. Below, you will find your child's grade, teacher and assigned entrance/exit. Teachers will plan to meet students out front of the school for the first three days. After that, students will be able to come in the doors after exiting the bus on their own through their assigned doors and proceed to their classroom.

* Please note that these entrances may need to be adjusted according to construction schedules

Kindergarten (Mrs. Schmidt-Teigen) Grade 1 (Mrs. Lang) Grade 2 (Mrs. Schlaut)	Grade 3/4 Mr. Wilson	Gr.5 (Mrs. Shier) Gr. 6 (Mrs. McKay)
		



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Secondary Students

Students in Gr. 7-12 will be allowed to proceed to their designated entrance/exit once they arrive at the school on the first day. They will be greeted by a staff member at the door, where they will be directed to their homeroom class. Once in their classrooms, all students will be provided with their government provided reusable mask. Students that are not bussed will need to either wear their own mask, or they will be provided one upon arrival.

The secondary designated entrances will be as follows:

Jr. High Entrance (northside of school)	Sr. High Entrance (west side)
	

Since we are asking high school students to come in the west entrance, we are also encouraging them to park on the west side of the school. If they choose to park on the east parking lot, they will need to walk around the school to access their entrance. They will not have access to other doors other than their own.

Homeroom Assignments

Grade 7-12 will be assigned homerooms. The junior high students will stay in their assigned classes for the day, with the exception of PE, Home Economics and Industrial Arts. The Junior High homerooms will be:

Gr. 7: Room 220

Gr. 8: Room 219

Gr. 9: Room 216 (Ms. Shier and Mrs Walker's former corner classroom)



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With the quartered semesters, high school students will only have a maximum of two rooms that they need to be in over the course of the day. For quarter one, those are:

Morning:

Gr. 10: Room 204 (Science Lab)

Gr. 11 Room 215 (Miss Johnson's room)

Gr. 12 Room 202 (Miss Beaulieu's room)

Afternoon

Room 222 (Home Ec Lab)

Room 224 (Industrial Arts Lab)

Personally Owned Devices

We would like to encourage students particularly in the older grades, where possible, to bring their own device (Chromebook/Laptop). It is not mandatory to bring a device, but this would help us share the school owned devices more effectively in the lower grades and reduce the amount of sanitization required. This is not mandatory and students will have device access when needed.

School Access

Please note that all school doors are locked throughout the day. Teachers will be assigned to each door in the morning to allow students in and ensure physical distancing. Parent/guest access is by appointment only. Also, we are asking that students do not arrive at the building any earlier than 8:35. That is when we will begin allowing students into their assigned doors. Elementary students will be required to head directly into the school upon arrival. There will not be students permitted on the playground first thing in the morning.

Please note that students who arrive after 8:45 will have to ring the front bell in order to gain entry to the school.

Masks

Staff and students in Gr. 4-12 will be required to wear masks in common areas like hallways and when physical distancing is not possible. When they are not wearing the masks, students will require a safe and sanitary place to store them. We will have ziplock bags on hand to begin the year, but we are asking families to send a **small plastic container** to store the masks in when they are in the classroom. These can be stored in or on desks without the worry of getting them dirty or coming into contact with other surfaces. You can also use this video as a resource with your child on mask wearing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVLA--hGU70>



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Staggered Recesses and Dismissal Times

Elementary students will be able go out for recess. They will go out in smaller groups and be assigned different playgrounds. Our current recess schedule will be the following:

	First Recess	Lunch Recess	Lunch Eating	Last Recess
Gr. 1/2	10:00-10:15	11:35-11:55	11:55 - 12:10	1:29 - 1:40
Kinder/Gr. 3/4	10:15-10:30	11:55 - 12:15	12:15 - 12:30	1:51 - 2:02
Gr.5/6	10:30-10:45	12:15 - 12:30	11:55 - 12:15	1:40 - 1:51

At the end of each day, students will be released grade by grade by their teacher. This may mean that students have to use a few minutes of school time in order to be ready to leave their classroom at the assigned time.

Our secondary classes will continue to follow the new [bell schedule](#) that was provided to families in June. Teachers will stagger the breaks within class time to ensure that hallway and bathroom traffic are reduced. We will make adjustments to all schedules should the need arise.

Bathroom Occupancy

Another change that students will notice are signs on the bathrooms that specify the number of students allowed. The occupancy will be based on the number of sinks located in the bathroom. Staff will teach and remind students of these expectations.

Water bottles

Water fountains will be used as filling stations only. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle. One of the guidelines on water bottles is that they ***cannot be the squeeze type because of the possibility of them spraying.*** Bottles that have a lid and are hard surfaced that do not require squeezing are safest.

Hand Sanitizing

Sanitizing stations have been set up at entrances and outside classrooms. Students will be expected to use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day as they move throughout the school.



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COVID Pre-Existing Conditions Form

Please note that children who have pre-existing conditions with symptoms similar to COVID (runny nose, cough etc) need to fill out this [form](#) so that we can have a record of it at school. We ask that you fill out the form and send it with your child on the first day to help us establish a “baseline” of symptoms with your child. This will assist us in differentiating between regular conditions and potential COVID symptoms in your child. This document was sent out last week.

Isolation Room

Students and staff that do not have a pre-existing condition that have COVID symptoms should stay home until they subside or a negative COVID test is received. If a student presents symptoms during the day, families will be notified and students will need to be picked up. Students with COVID symptoms cannot ride the bus. While waiting to be picked up, students will wait in a room that is separate from staff and students to limit possible spread.

BRSD At Home Learning

Please note that if you have chosen this option for your child, the division office Learning Department will be contacting you directly between September 3-8th to make arrangements. At home classes will begin September 8th.

Library Materials

Our Learning Commons will not be open for students to visit to check out books. However, we are working on plans so that students will be able to check a book out for themselves on a weekly basis to keep in their classroom. Library books must stay in the school this year.

We appreciate that there will be a great deal of teaching and learning of the new routines that accompany a safe return to school. We expect that we will continue to refine our procedures as we learn how to improve. Please take some time to review the pertinent details with your children to help us have as smooth and successful of a return as possible. You may also wish to check the [BRSD Re-Entry](#) page for the most currency information. Please stay connected with us if you have questions. We will do our best to make this as smooth as possible for everyone.

Regards,

Mr. Brad Kyle and Mr. Wes Wilson