

January 7, 2022

**This email contains important information.
Please have it translated.**

ਇਸ ਈਮੇਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਣ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੈ।
ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਦਾ ਅਨਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ।

يحتوي هذا المستند على معلومات مهمة حول مدرسة طفلك. يرجى ترجمته.

매우 중요한 공지문이니, 반드시 번역하여 내용을 숙지하십시오.

Hãy dịch nó sang tiếng Việt. Đây là một thông báo quan trọng.

Este documento contiene información importante sobre la escuela de su hijo/hija. Háganlo traducir por favor.

Dear RBSS families,

Last week, our Superintendent shared all students will return to school on January 10, 2022 after an extended winter break, allowing schools to adapt to the impacts of the Omicron variant that is affecting our province.

Over the last few days, our school has been busy preparing continuity of learning plans and enhanced safety measures in advance of students returning to school on Monday. It is with this letter that we wanted to remind families of our ongoing measures and share the enhanced protocols we are implementing to keep students and staff safe.

Health & Safety Measures

Guidelines and existing protocols that will continue in schools include:

- Doing daily health checks and staying home when sick.
- Encouraging everyone who is eligible to get fully vaccinated.
- Using available space to spread out and to respect the personal space of others.
- Wearing masks in accordance with the Provincial Health Officer Order on Face Coverings (a point of emphasis at RBSS will be the proper wearing of masks, covering both nose and mouth)
- Cleaning hands regularly.
- Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces at least once a day.

Our schools new enhanced health and safety measures will also include:

- A new schedule for the next that will include a **staggered lunch** (see attached)
- **On Monday, January 10th please plan on no foods services being available at school**
- Staff will have a Powerpoint presentation for their first class on Monday, January 10th where all safety procedures will be reviewed (also attached)
- Students will be asked to enter and exit the building through the door nearest your classroom
 - More doors will be open to start the day
 - We will lock most of the doors at 8:30am
 - The main doors and the doors outside the Round Room will remain open

- Please go directly to your classroom (no loitering or hanging out)
- Students, please come to school just prior to your 1st class (8:10am)
- Please leave school at the end of the day - no hanging out....sorry
- We will have more signage up and around the school
 - Directional arrows to keep people on the right / left side of the halls
 - Signage regarding wearing masks and keeping distance
 - Bathrooms will once again have one person in this space at a time
 - Yes - the cones will be back 😊

This will be the expectations for the next 3-weeks, as we continue to adhere to the different health and safety needs to continue face-to-face instruction. Parents, please review the details of this email (and attachments) with your children here at RBSS. We have been working together for the last couple years, and we need to continue this team effort to battle against this global pandemic. Once again, I would like to commend all our RBSS community for their incredible resiliency and tenacity as we continue our fight together.

Next Steps

Once again, we are being asked to pivot and navigate (I'm beginning to dislike these words) our way through this ever-changing pandemic. Thanks for your continued support and patience as we educate our students with several obstacles that continue to make education a challenge for both the educator and the learner.

A functional closure (ie: not enough staff or students to function here at RBSS) would require our school to go online for a short period of time. Our staff and our students are becoming very comfortable with Google Classrooms and Google Meets. With the Continuity of Learning plans now in place in the event that RBSS is forced into a functional school closure, we feel we are prepared for having to adjust as necessary in the days and weeks to come.

We are nearing the end of the Semester 1. We encourage all our students to stay focused and engaged in their studies. Our staff will do their best to bring this semester to an end while at the same time support the social emotional learning of our students. The end of this semester might look a little different than semesters of the past.

The health and safety of students, staff and our entire RBSS school community remains a priority and it is imperative that we all make every effort to keep each other safe. As we continue to support one another to remain healthy this winter, we remind you to conduct a daily health check for your child and keep them home if they are experiencing any symptoms.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation.

Looking forward to seeing all of our students back at school on Monday, January 10th, 2022

Respectfully,

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Attachments:

New Schedule (next 3 weeks)
Proper mask wearing
Powerpoint Presentation (Monday morning)