



School District No. 60

PEACE RIVER NORTH

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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to the return of students on September 7th!

While some of the recent developments in Covid transmission have had an impact on our plans, we are confident in a safe and engaging school experience for students and families. As a reminder, schools have proven to be very low-risk sites for transmission compared to all other public and personal scenarios. **Here are some of the positive developments for this school year:**

- No more cohorts/learning groups. Students will be scheduled and can socialize as per normal.
- No longer a 2-metre distance requirement. We will continue to respect others' personal space and be strategic about maximizing the use of space and spreading out when possible.
- Visitors are welcome. You will need to sign in and wear a mask when visiting.
- Gradually, assemblies can now take place.
- Extracurricular sports and inter-school activities can take place. Spectators can attend as per visitor guidelines.
- 3rd party groups can use the school gym as in the past - please check with your school principal for the booking and cleaning process.
- All canteen services return to normal

Good preventative measures are still in place:

- Washing hands and sneezing/coughing into your elbow
- Do your own [health check](#) each morning. There is also an [app](#) for this.
- If a student, staff or other adult is sick, they must not enter the school.
- Northern Health is in charge of all contact tracing procedures and this is done between their medical staff and families.
- SD60 [Communicable Disease Plan](#) can be found on our district website.

As you have heard, masks are still mandated for students in grades 4-12 and for all staff. This will be re-evaluated in the Fall depending on the state of the Covid pandemic. These decisions are made by the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Officer. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated as it significantly reduces transmission and hospitalization.

Exemptions

As in the Spring, students and adults can ask for an exemption for masks. Those exemptions can be found [here](#). If you are asking for an exemption, please contact your school principal and let them know the reason for the exemption.

We look forward to seeing you this Fall.

Sincerely,

Stephen Petrucci
Superintendent