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ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਦਾ ਅਨਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ।

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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.

January 7, 2022

Dear WJ Mouat Secondary 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 have succeeded in minimizing the spread of the virus 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.
- Cleaning hands regularly.
- Cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces at least once a day.

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

Ongoing Prevention Measures	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Daily Health Check <input type="checkbox"/> Stay home when sick. <input type="checkbox"/> Wash hands frequently. <input type="checkbox"/> All K-12 staff, students and visitors are required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor areas throughout our school <input type="checkbox"/> Here is Proper Fit Information <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage vaccination.
Entrance and Exit	<input type="checkbox"/> Students will enter to building via the exterior door closest to their classroom (e.g., if classroom 404 enter via the 400 exterior door, or if 132 enter via the Trethewey entrance) <input type="checkbox"/> Reminder, 200 wing enter via the 100s stairs. <input type="checkbox"/> Classes with multiple entrances will have designated door A as entry and door B as exit. <input type="checkbox"/> Students will exit the building at the end of day class via the nearest exterior door. <input type="checkbox"/> Staff will support by establishing expectations on the first day back, moving kids in the right direction in the hallways etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Exterior doors (except the front entrance) will be locked 15 minutes after the first bell.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizing stations have been placed at every entry and exit point.
Classroom Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Classrooms have been reconfigured to support face forward instruction (where possible). <input type="checkbox"/> Some furniture and fixtures have been removed to maximize space. <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers have updated expectations (classroom norms) to support the enhanced protocols. For example, hand sanitizing upon entry, or wiping down shared equipment after use etc.
Gatherings & Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assemblies will be held virtually. <input type="checkbox"/> Intramurals are halted due to lunch schedule for January. <input type="checkbox"/> Capacity limits have been reduced to 50%. <input type="checkbox"/> All meetings held virtually. <input type="checkbox"/> All clubs are halted due to lunch schedule for January. <input type="checkbox"/> No Visitors on campus unless pre-authorized. All visitors must complete the Daily Health Check at entrance.
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sports tournaments are paused. <input type="checkbox"/> No spectators at home league games. <input type="checkbox"/> Only 2 teams playing in the gym at any time. <input type="checkbox"/> Teams waiting to play are required to wait outside the school or in the Cafeteria (separate from the opposing team) until the gym and changerooms are completely empty.
Hallways Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student will travel on the RIGHT-hand side of hallways. <input type="checkbox"/> Directional arrows have been placed throughout the school. <input type="checkbox"/> Students may be asked to travel outside of the building to avoid cross-traffic in hallways. For example, exit out of the 100 wing and back in at the main entrance to avoid cross-traffic outside the Learning Commons. <input type="checkbox"/> The 200 wing will have counter-clockwise directional movement only (travel on the right). <input type="checkbox"/> Stairways are designed at Up OR Down. <input type="checkbox"/> The 100 wing stairways are UP only. <input type="checkbox"/> The 300/LSS wing stairway is DOWN only. <input type="checkbox"/> Administration and staff will support students learning the new pattern of hallway movement maximize space and minimize crowding.
Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Transition time between blocks has been extended to 8 minutes. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact during transitions will be minimized by changes in traffic flow patterns and gradual release of students. <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers will slowly release their class as the transition bell when traffic is appropriate outside their classroom. <input type="checkbox"/> Students will hold in their class at transition bells until dismissed by the teacher to maximize space and minimize crowding.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The extended block at the beginning of the day will be moved to period 3/Lunch. <input type="checkbox"/> Each grade will be given a specific time during this extended block for lunch. <input type="checkbox"/> Cafeteria will be open with reduced capacity (50%) seating. <input type="checkbox"/> Staff are not expected to supervise or keep their classroom open at lunch but they may choose to do at their own discretion. <input type="checkbox"/> Please see schedule below.

Closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In the event of an outbreak, or functional closure (where we have significant student or staff absenteeism), the school and staff have developed Continuity of Learning Plans (CoL Plan) <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers will discuss these plans with students on Monday (Jan. 10) and in the event of a closure students are to check their learn34 email for teacher expectations, review their Google Classroom/ Moodle/ Canvas learning system for instruction and direction and maintain the bell schedule for the day. Be online or working on Block A material during block A time etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Should parents or students encounter any difficulties (need technology, resources, staff contact) please contact their VP for support. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Bell (last names A-F), Mr. Gill (G-N) and Ms. Rajabally (O-Z). <input type="checkbox"/> Staff emails can be found here: https://wjmouat.abbyschools.ca/about/staff
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Schedule January 10-21, 2022

Warning Bell	8:02	
Period 1	8:10 to 9:20	70 mins
Transition	9:20 to 9:28	8 mins
Period 2	9:28 to 10:38	70 mins
Transition	10:38 to 10:46	8 mins
Period 3	10:46 to 1:04	35 mins lunch for each class; reduced capacity to 25%; teacher will decide which block of time lunch is provided based on the class demographics.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch Classes 12s – 10:46 to 11:13 • Lunch Classes 9s – 11:15 to 11:50 • Lunch Classes 11s – 11:52 to 12:27 • Lunch Classes 10s – 12:29 to 1:04 	
Transition	1:04 to 1:12	8 mins
Period 4	1:12 to 2:22	70 mins

Current block rotation stays the same.

Next Steps

With the full return to school next week, we wish to remind families of the importance of Daily Health checks with their children. We ask that families keep children at home with any signs of illness including sniffles.

We also ask that families understand and have a plan for picking up children promptly if children become ill at school.

With the increased transmissibility of Omicron, proper mask wearing is an important layer of protection along with physical distancing and staying home when ill. Dr. Bonnie Henry has explained that the best mask is one that is worn properly and consistently, has three layers and fits well over the mouth and nose with no gaps. Please send your child to school with a well-fitted mask that covers the mouth and nose, and several back up masks in their backpack. Please help your child understand the importance of wearing their mask properly.

If you have requested a mask exemption for your child to the Provincial Face Covering Order, requiring all K-12 students to wear face coverings (masks) in schools and on buses, we kindly ask you to re-evaluate your decision. While we respect that you have requested a mask exemption, we humbly request that you consider the following alternatives:

1. explore a different type of face covering
2. examine options regarding limiting mask use to certain activities
3. explore opportunities to reinforce and enhance other safety measures including physical distancing

The health and safety of students, staff and our entire WJ Mouat 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.

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

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Pollastretti
Principal, WJ Mouat Secondary