

August 25th, 2020

Greetings HWSF Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming your children to HWSF school in September and greatly appreciate your continued support as we plan for a safe and successful return to school for everyone.

Listed below are several new key safety practices and protocols that will help us ensure a safe and positive learning and working environment for all Husky students, staff and families.

Our first week back will include a staggered entry to school for all students to provide an opportunity to orientate your child to the new rules and safety practices in a small setting. Teachers can take the time to “teach” and practice these items, as well as spend more quality time with your child. Homeroom teachers will contact you the week prior to the start of school to remind you of your child’s entry date and review key rules and practices listed below:

- Sept. 8th - 1st day of school - 1/2 of the Kindergarten students, Grades 5, 2, and 1.
- Sept. 9th - 2nd day of school – The remaining 1/2 of the Kindergarten students, Grades 3 and 4.
- Sept. 10th - 3rd day of school - All students attend classes.

It is essential that all families screen their children PRIOR to sending them off to school. If your children have 2 or more symptoms (fever/feverish, sore throat, headache, runny nose, new cough or worsening chronic cough, new onset fatigue or muscle ache, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell; in children, purple markings on the fingers and toes), your child must self-isolate and call 811. This is the responsibility of parents. All staff and visitors must also follow the same procedures as outline by government of NB.

Your child will require a clean mask at school each day. It is the responsibility of the child and parent to arrive with a mask.

Students will enter in the morning between 8:00-8:20am at the front door. Parents are permitted into the school on an appointment only basis.

Your child’s homeroom is considered “a bubble”. In their classroom bubble, they are not required to wear a mask and can interact with their classmates. Frequent

handwashing will occur throughout the day, as well as sanitizing of materials. However, your child will require a mask for entering and exiting the building as well as using the washroom.

Students will be provided with time outside in the school yard, with children in their classroom “bubble”.

When you and your child arrive at school in the morning, and at dismissal time, you will both be required to wear a mask to ensure safety for all.

Students will need a water bottle labelled with their name which will be sent home daily to be cleaned. This year we will be using water bottle fillers/coolers instead of fountains.

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers via email, phone and/or online meetings. If you are dropping items off or picking up a child during the school day, please ring the front door and, the receptionist/administrative assistant will meet you at the door. A staff person will take your child to the door during the day when necessary. Dismissal will occur at the back door at the end of the day. We appreciate your support as we work to keep everyone safe.

It is important that all families have emergency contact numbers. Please let the school know immediately if there is a change in your contact information. If your child presents with symptoms throughout the school day, they need to go home immediately for the safety of all.

Information on school lunches will be sent later as we are working to establish our program based on the new guidelines.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Donovan