

Dear Jackson Families,

January 7, 2022

With the reopening of school to all students on January 10, there are a few things that you should be aware of. During this past week, teachers and staff have been focussed on making adjustments to classrooms and using this time to put plans and routines in place that will help keep us all healthy and in attendance.

***What parents can do to help:***

- ✓ be extra vigilant with your [daily health checks](#)
- ✓ keep your child at home if they have any cold symptoms at all for these next few weeks
- ✓ have a plan in place for picking up your child should they become sick at school
- ✓ send your child to school with a mask (labelling the mask will help ensure it finds its way back home at the end of the day. We do have disposable masks at the school for those emergency moments, but as you can well imagine, we are going through them rapidly)
- ✓ wear a mask during drop off and pick up
- ✓ avoid crowding during drop of and pick up (stay back from student line ups and classroom doors)

***What the school is doing:***

- ✓ staggering start and end times to minimize crowding
  - drop-off is between 8:30 and 8:45
  - pickup is between 2:20 – 2:30 (students who walk home or pick up a sibling will be dismissed at 2:30)
- ✓ locking the front door (please call if you would like an appointment)
- ✓ supplying food to students who may have forgotten their lunch – no drop offs needed
- ✓ continuing with breakfast and lunch and Starfish Backpack programs
- ✓ limiting volunteers to those who are essential to the program and student learning
- ✓ holding all meetings virtually
- ✓ pressing ‘pause’ on field trips and hot lunches

***What the teachers are doing:***

- ✓ reviewing and monitoring safety protocols (handwashing, movement in the hallways, respecting physical space, etc.)
- ✓ arranging desks and seating in a forward-facing, spaced manner (as much as possible)
- ✓ avoiding having students gather in large groups (carpet time)
- ✓ requiring students (except those with exemptions) to wear their masks
- ✓ providing opportunity for regular handwashing and hand sanitizing
- ✓ monitoring movement in the hallways by limiting it to one class at a time
- ✓ planning if their class (or worse case, the whole school) needs to move to remote learning due to a functional closure
- ✓ Using plexiglass barriers for small group teaching



***What students can do:***

- ✓ wash and sanitize hands regularly
- ✓ make sure that their mask always covers their nose and chin
- ✓ give others their space (in the coatroom, hallways, during outside playtime)
- ✓ follow the safety rules and guidelines

The staff at Jackson Elementary thank everyone for doing their part to help keep our school community healthy and safe. We are looking forward to better days in the very near future!