

August 17th, 2020

Dear Parents,

This week we are sending information to you each day regarding how schools at LCSD will look for students and parents this fall. We send you this information knowing that plans change in accordance with instructions from the Province of Saskatchewan. Over the weekend, our return date for students was changed to September 8th, 2020 by the Premier's announcement. We want to provide you with the best information we have this week knowing that there may be more changes to come between now and September 8th.

We are looking forward to having students back in our schools on September 8th, 2020, we believe that preparations made over the last 4 months have enhanced safety for students and teachers. Complete plans may be found in the LCSD [Reopen Plan](#) however we would like to highlight some of the following as our new routines.

- Masks are a preventative measure that all students and staff will wear in high traffic areas while inside the school. For our students this is a new routine.
 - Staff will have access to a clear plastic mask allowing students to see their faces, their smile and how they pronounce words. Masks will be worn when physical distancing is not possible.
 - Masks will be worn in the hallway and when entering the classroom.
 - Once seated at a desk for individual work with appropriate physical distancing, students can take off their masks.
 - At recess students will be in their cohorts and are not required to wear their mask.
 - Most importantly, students will be taught how to wear a mask, how it helps them and others to stay healthy.

- Spacing in the classroom is important.
 - Desks will be spread out and arranged to face the front of the room.
 - Where students sit at round tables, there will be plastic dividers to promote physical distancing.

- Spacing in the hallways will be promoted by floor markings by the entrance doors of the building and the floors of our hallways. Distancing in hallways will be promoted by:
 - Scheduling recesses so that smaller groups of students are on the playground at any one time and assigned areas to play.
 - In some schools, we may adjust lunch hours so that groups of students eat lunch at different times.
 - Elementary School students will access lockers in small groups with staggered space.

- Cleaning
 - We have increased caretaker time and added COVID specific cleaners and procedures. Caretakers will be scheduled to work throughout the full day to ensure continuous disinfecting and cleaning. We have also purchased the recommended



cleaning products and hand sanitizers for every classroom. More cleaning means less possibility of transmission.

- Hand sanitizer is available in every room as are cleaning supplies for shared items such as Chromebooks or Gym equipment. LCSD began securing supplies early in June in preparation of this school year to ensure we have what we need for cleaning and sanitizing.

We look forward to showing you some of these routines in our videos **Prevention with a Purpose** starting tomorrow. A picture is sometimes worth a thousand words. We look forward to updating you further throughout the week.



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