

W.H. Ford Back to School Safety Plan

Staggered Start to the School Year:

- Last names start with **A-L** will attend on **Tuesday, September 8** and **Thursday, September 10**.
- Last names start with **M-Z** will attend on **Wednesday, September 9** and **Friday, September 11**.
 - **All** students will attend on **Monday, September 14**.
- Teachers may adjust this slightly to keep group numbers relatively even. If so, they will contact you.

Mandatory Masks must be worn by all staff, students in grades 4-8 and visitors. Students in grades K-3 are encouraged to do the same. You may wish to send a backup mask in a sealed container. If students are in their cohort and able to socially distance (outside, for example) they may be able to remove their masks.

Scent-Free Hand Sanitizer Provided: Frequent hand-washing is encouraged.

Sanitation: On-the-spot sanitation of frequently-used items such as laptops and ipads

No drop-offs and deliveries: Please ensure that students have everything they need prior to leaving for school. Do not have food delivered.

Water: All students need a **full bottle of water** brought to school every day.

- We recommend washing water bottles and masks daily

School start and end times: These have changes to reduce the number of transitions in and out during the day. Our morning recess and supervision will start at **8:53** and school will begin at **9:08**. We encourage students to arrive close to **9:08** to avoid crowding. Afternoon recess will begin at **3:22** and we will have supervisors outdoors until **3:37**. **Parents will not be permitted on the playground during these times** to allow for social distancing. Please pick a **meeting spot** and practice.

- **First day:** We understand the first day is a little different. Parents are welcome to walk your child to their line-up area,

Only Students and Staff Permitted in the Building: Student drop-offs and pickups must be **done outside**. Please call the office to let us know if you are dropping off/picking up your child during the school day. Avoid ins and outs. If needed, visitors must check in at the front office.

Students with Symptoms: Please stay home if you have any symptoms. Students who show symptoms at school will be isolated while waiting to be picked up.

Extra-Curricular: All extra-curricular activities and clubs will be cancelled for now.

Disinfected spaces: ALL school spaces will be disinfected daily.

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Online Presence: All of our teachers will be maintaining an online platform (ex: SeeSaw, Google Classroom) so that students who are home sick will have access to their class work.

Washrooms: ALL washrooms will be disinfected three times each day. Students will have access to washrooms throughout the day.

Individualized School Supplies: Students will not share materials. Please label all supplies, including markers, pencils, etc. Teachers will keep spare supplies in individual Ziploc bags

Contact: Our teachers will be contacting families Sept. 1-4 to share more information about their class and to answer any questions you may have.

Prioritize Outdoor Learning: Physical Education classes will take place outdoors (as weather permits). Outdoor learning on our school grounds will be encouraged.