

Good evening Mount Edward Families,

In preparation for returning to school on Monday, there are a few things that we want to communicate to you.

We will be resuming our staggered entry when students arrive to school in the morning. This means that students can arrive to school any time between 8:35-8:45 and enter the school thru their usual doors upon arrival. They should go directly to their classrooms without waiting or lining up outside. Classroom teachers will be ready to supervise them in their classrooms beginning at 8:35. This will reduce the congestion in the hallways.

In an effort to prevent cohorts of students from mixing, we will be going to a staggered recess approach. Students will be limited to different zones for playing and interacting with their class only. Students in grades primary to two will continue to have their recess from 10:25-10:40 and students in grades three to six will have their recess from 10:40-10:55. Class schedules and lunchtimes will remain the same. All students will remain in their classes to eat their lunch.

As per the Public Health guidelines, students and staff are asked to wear a 3-ply mask. Students should arrive to school wearing a mask and also have a spare in the event that their mask is soiled during the day. We will be providing every student with one 3-ply mask. These will be distributed to students on Monday. We will be enforcing the masking rule; students who do not comply with wearing a mask will be removed from the classroom and be isolated from peers. Parents will be contacted.

Only essential staff will be permitted to enter the building. No visitors will be allowed to enter the school.

We are asking that all students who have borrowed a Chromebook for at-home learning purposes to please return them to school on Monday with the charger.

Staff will be taking time on Monday to go over expectations for enhanced health measures with their students. Students will be reminded to sanitize their hands whenever they cross a threshold. Students will only be permitted to remove their mask when they are outdoors for recess or for mask breaks indoors when they can be socially distanced from their peers. At lunchtime, students can remove their mask when they are seated at their desks, which will also be spread out in the classroom to maximize distance between students. Students will be asked to bring home any uneaten items and garbage to minimize movement around the classroom during lunchtime.

Families are reminded, to monitor their child/children for symptoms on a daily basis. Students with any symptoms should remain home. If your child should develop symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated from their peers and you will be contacted. We will provide you with a rapid test that you can administer to your child at home.

If your child will not be attending school, we ask that you call the school at 902-435-8459. A message can be left on that line 24/7.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.