

August 25, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you and your families well. I am pleased today to share even more information with you about our School Restart Plan. I want to thank you for so much feedback, constructive ideas, the kindly-worded pushback, and especially the praise for the work of the King David staff (I fully agree).

There will be much more to communicate with you as there are so many details to work through. If I can ask anything of you, it is to appreciate that we are open to feedback, and there will be things that we need to change or improve. Through all of it, we all need to, as our Provincial Health Officer, Dr Bonnie Henry says, "be kind to each other". With that thought in mind, we believe that the biggest strength that we have to keep all of us safe is to be as a family, to enact our obligation as Jews, to keep others safe. All of the safety steps we are taking at King David will not be effective if each of our families does not make good choices outside of our school in following safe practices as described by Dr Henry.

To keep everyone safe, we have made a change to our mask policy as we return to school. When we surveyed families, we learned that about 1/3 of our families have a child, or an immediate family member with whom their child resides, with increased vulnerability if they acquire COVID-19. For that reason and as part of our obligation to keep our community safe, we are making masks for all students, even within cohort groups, mandatory.

It is important to note masks are not worn to provide protection for the wearer, they are worn to stop the possible transmission of the virus to others. In this way, each of us will be helping to ensure that others are not exposed to the virus and we will keep the 1/3 of our community who feel at greater risk, safer. I hope you join us in feeling good about this decision.

This email includes our [King David Stage 2 Exposure Control Plan](#) which includes many important details and we ask that you read it in full with your child. Particularly note your responsibility to perform a daily health check on your student and to not send them to school if they may be sick. If ever you need guidance please remember to call 811 and ask for help with COVID-19 related issues.

I know many of you would like to know some more details about our school restart. We are still finalizing a school schedule to accommodate 2 lunch periods but here are some things I can tell you at this time. The first day of school will be (note all end times are approximate):

Grade 8, Tuesday September 8 from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Grade 9, Tuesday September 8 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm (**note** this is a change from previously communicated).

Grade 10, Wednesday, September 9 from 9:00 am to 10:30am.

Grade 11, Wednesday, September 9 from 11:00 am to 12:30pm.

Grade 12, Wednesday, September 9 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Bus service will run only for Grade 8, 9 and 10 students and only if we have at least a handful of students in each grade attending. **Students must be signed up for the bus**, more information will come to you explaining how you do this. A pick-up schedule (and drop-off) will be determined when we know who will be travelling on the bus. For the upcoming school year, bus use will always require sign-up. We will start our full days on Thursday, September 10th for students of all grades. We are making changes to our daily schedules, which we will share soon. We have to make adjustments to allow for 2 lunch periods and we're looking at TRYING to incorporate a later start time (approximately 8:45am

rather than 8:20am). We will still have a Monday to Thursday schedule, a schedule for Professional Mornings, and a Friday schedule. Stay tuned for complete details.

I will stop here - no doubt you will hear from me again soon, and some of you who are joining our Zoom call tonight instead of watching the Canucks game will see me and others on our Leadership Team, even sooner.

Until then or next time,
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