

September 4, 2020

Dear Malaspina Parents and Guardians,

Information about the orientation schedule for Sept 10th and 11th has been shared and is posted on our website. Before students arrive, staff will be working together on Tuesday and Wednesday to review school safety plans, build classes and learning groups. Parents will be provided with more information on Wednesday.

As we enter this school year, a few things will be different to ensure the safety and well-being of your child. At this time our utmost focus is the emotional well-being of your child.

Here are few things that we can all do to ensure the safety of your child. Staff will be reviewing this information their classes and please continue to have these conversations at home.

1. Daily health check
 - a. To be completed by parent prior to students coming to school
 - b. If your child has answered yes to any of the symptoms, they must stay home and please consult a physician, contact 811 or Northern Health
 - c. See Appendix B - Daily Health Check
2. Hygiene
 - a. Continue to encourage regular hand-washing
 - b. Continue to encourage to cough or sneeze into the elbow
3. Please no sharing of food
4. Minimal School Supplies
 - a. Personal supplies will not be shared between students
 - b. Classroom teachers will provide further direction
5. Learning Groups
 - a. A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout a school term
 - b. These learning groups can be composed of up to 60 people including students, teachers and support staff
 - c. In most instances, learning groups will consist of two classes
 - d. Staff will build learning groups
 - e. Within the learning group, minimized contact should be encouraged, but a two metre physical distance does not need to be maintained
 - f. When your child is interacting with students outside their learning group and cannot maintain physical distancing, a mask is required and will be provided

Just a gentle reminder our doors are closed to the public at this time. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher or principal if you need to arrange a meeting.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we maintain a safe learning environment, emotionally and physically for all.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Take care,

Deanna Hood
Principal