



# École Charlie Killam School

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Hello ÉCKS School Family.

We know that many of you are wondering what the September 15th, 2021 announcement about health restrictions by the province means for our school. Below are some of the key points as they apply to us:

- Provincial mask mandate for all grades 4-12 students and all staff. Masks can be removed once students are situated in their classrooms. Masks are not required for students while engaged in physical activity.
- All riders on school buses must wear masks.
- The only mask exemptions that are acceptable are from medical personnel. Previous medical exemptions from last year are still accepted, please provide a copy to the office or connect with our administration if you have not done so already.
- Visitors to the school are still welcome in the building providing they feel well and adhere to the mask mandates. It remains imperative to safe operations to know who is in the building so we ask that visitors continue to call ahead to book an appointment.
- Students in Grade 6 are required to cohort, but we anticipate this will require minimal change as the current timetable and programming considerations were constructed with this possibility in mind.
- Grade 6 recess play areas will be adjusted to maintain cohorts outside and to maximize the use of the space available. In order to support this, our lunch schedule has been adjusted.

Lunch 1 (11:48 - 12:08)	Groups Eating : All Grade 6 Recess Outside: All Grade 7 and Grade 8
Lunch 2 (12:08 - 12:28)	Groups Eating : All Grade 7 and Grade 8 Recess Outside: All Grade 6

- Staff are able to work with more than one cohort.
- Grade 6 indoor extracurricular activities can proceed assuming students remain in their cohorts and physically distanced where possible.
- There are no other new measures (restrictions) for our Grade 7 and 8 students at this time.
- The province has stated that contact tracing will not occur, and close contacts are not required to isolate. It still remains important to monitor symptoms.
- Families must complete the [Daily Self-Assessment for Children Under 18](#) (pages 2 and 3 of the link) each morning, for everyone who is going to school. Anyone who is feeling unwell must stay home and is asked to follow the guidance provided in the self-assessment tool to determine their next steps. The self-assessment does not need to be brought to school each day. Students who come to school when they are unwell will be isolated. Parents will be contacted to return the child home as quickly as possible. A student with a pre-existing medical condition that may result in coughing (such as asthma or allergies) should ensure the school is aware of the condition.

As stated above, these are the key points, and we will continue to keep you apprised of further details as they are clarified. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of us at the school. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these challenging times together

Sincerely,

ÉCKS Administration