



Good afternoon BCCIS family,

**As a part of the BCCIS family we take your concerns and suggestions very seriously.** In addition, as we navigate through the Covid pandemic, we have consistently placed the health and safety needs of your children as our number one priority. In this we have no flexibility.

We recognize there is widespread concern over the shift to an alternating day hybrid model. We also are aware that many of you are working parents with no available childcare if your primary aged children are required to stay home. With these considerations in mind, we are prepared to offer a full attendance option to those of you who so desire.

Our grades 1 - 3 classes will be taught fully within the homeroom teachers' classrooms (along with our gym, music room, French classroom). We believe we can offer this with our continued dedication to maintaining a hygienic learning environment and social distancing practices in place.

We will continue to encourage all students to wear a mask at all times when they are anywhere in the building (classrooms, hallways, etc). Exceptions are considered for those students with documented medical conditions, and in those instances, that child will wear a face shield at all times.

A gentle reminder for parents to send their child with extra face masks in the event that one is broken or gets dirty.

Students not able to attend school should contact their child's teacher to arrange for materials to be available online (ClassDojo/ Google Classroom) or for pick up at the school.

Our grades 1 - 3 classes have full time Educational Assistants with them, allowing for these grades (and these grades only) to manage a larger cohort of students in a room. This is not the case for our grades 4 - 12 classes, therefore we are not able to offer full time attendance to these grades at this time in our protocol.

We will begin this full attendance model in the shortened daily schedule from 8 am - 12:30pm. effective October 4th - 15th.

On October 18th, the school hours will be in effect from 8am - 2pm for all grades 1 - 12, including our ECE/KG2 students.

**This is also a reminder for all grade 1-3 parents that there will be no school this Thursday as our teachers will be preparing their classrooms for their larger classes which will be occurring the following week.**

yours in education,  
Your BCCIS Educational Administration Team