



Return to School Information

August 27, 2021

Dear TCDSB Families,

As we prepare to return to school next month, we would like to draw your attention to some helpful resources to assist you and your child(ren) in preparing for the upcoming school year. For timely updates, please refer to our [Return to School](#) webpage which includes our Return to School Plan, FAQs, resources and letters to families.

21-22 TCDSB Reopening Action Plan

Under the guidance of our healthcare partners and government officials, the TCDSB [Reopening Action Plan](#) outlines current guidelines for COVID-19 health and safety protocol, learning and instruction, and school operations such as transportation and available programming.

Please review the TCDSB [Reopening Action Plan](#) and watch this [Return to In-Person Learning Video](#) to assist you and your child(ren) in understanding what to expect at schools this fall.

Switching Learning Models

As was shared in our [July 16 communication](#), families were directed to select their child's learning model choice for the **entire school year (September 2021 until June 2022)**. For those families who would like to submit a request to change their child's learning model due to extenuating circumstances, this request can be made beginning **Monday, August 30th** via your child's home school office. School contact information is located on the homepage of school websites. Please note requests to change learning models are accommodated based on availability.

Frequently Asked Questions

We encourage all families to review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for detailed information about what to expect this school year, including mask protocol, curriculum and programs, access to technology and more. We would like to remind families that our mask protocol has been updated and a face shield is not a replacement for a face mask.

Ventilation Systems in Schools

TCDSB is optimizing air quality in schools and learning environments by improving ventilation and/or filtration. This is a key element in the multiple protective strategies to support healthy and safe learning environments for staff and students and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in schools. For more information, including ventilation systems in schools, please visit [Ventilation in Schools webpage](#).

[Well-Being Resources and Supports for Students and Families](#)

The beginning of a new school year can bring about a variety of emotions and responses in children. Our Mental Health Team has compiled a number of [resources for parents/guardians](#) to support your child's mental health and wellness, including [Tips for Supporting Your Child's Mental Health during the Return to School](#). We also encourage students to visit our [Mental Health Resources for Students page](#).

Special Services staff will continue to provide mental health and well-being supports for all students. Families can reach out to school staff with any questions or concerns related to their child and how to access mental health support. Both in-person and virtual support will be available as required.

We will continue to provide families with updates and information related to the return to school as we approach the first day of school. We would like to advise families that as is annual practice, some staffing changes may take place in late September as student enrolment and classroom sizes stabilize. Families will receive updates about staffing that may impact their child(ren)'s classroom from local schools directly as they become available.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and we look forward to starting the school year with you on Thursday, September 9th!

Sincerely,

Toronto Catholic District School Board