



March 7, 2022

Dear TCDSB Families,

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 school year we will continue to adhere to all applicable health and safety measures as prescribed by health officials. We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to school in-person in September 2022. We also recognize that some families may still require the option for their child to learn remotely in September.

In order to plan for the upcoming school year, families will be asked to select a learning model for their child(ren). **This choice will be effective for the entire 2022-2023 school year.**

We understand it may be difficult to select a learning model this early in the year, as the pandemic and related restrictions continue to evolve, however, in order to appropriately plan for the 2022-2023 school year, a decision is required by March 25th.

This communication will provide you with specific information related to what your child can expect in September. **You will receive another email on Friday, March 11 with a link to select your child's learning model and will have until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25th to respond. Non-responses will be considered in-person.**

Elementary In-Person Learning 2022-2023

Students going into kindergarten to Grade 8 who select in-person learning can expect the following:

- Health and safety protocols and practices related to COVID-19 will align with provincial health guidelines and Toronto Public Health.
- Schools will continue to follow their regularly scheduled school day.
- Teachers will maintain a virtual learning environment (Brightspace or Google Classroom) to support students and to facilitate a class transition to remote learning, if required.
- Elementary specialty programs such as French Immersion, Extended French will continue to be offered at designated in-person schools.

Elementary Remote Learning St. Anne Academy, Virtual School of Learning 2022-2023

Students going into kindergarten to Grade 8 who select virtual learning can expect the following:

- The school day will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- Students will be assigned to virtual classrooms, teachers will record daily attendance, and recess/lunch breaks will be scheduled.
- Students will engage in regular curricular programs including core French instruction, music and health and physical education.
- No specialty programming such as French Immersion, Extended French or International Languages will be offered.

- Extra-curricular activities and all celebrations, including Grade 8 Graduation and Kindergarten End of Year celebrations will only be available virtually.
- In-person attendance may be required for some testing, for example:
- Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO standardized testing in reading, writing and mathematics or OLSAT 8 gifted screening for Grade 4 students
- If you select virtual learning, your child will be a student of St Anne, School of Virtual Learning and will not be part of their current in-person school.
- We are working with school administration to ensure students who select remote learning for the 2022-2023 school year will have a spot back in their most recent in-person school for the 2023-2024 school year.

Special Education and IEPs 2022-2023

We recognize that in-person learning provides a more comprehensive opportunity to implement responsive individualized programming options for students with special education needs. Students with special education needs will continue to be supported according to their Individual Education Plan (IEP) regardless of choosing in-person learning or virtual learning.

The following elementary special education and intervention programs will only be offered at designated in-person schools:

- Exceptionality-based Individual Support Program (ISP) classes,
- Kindergarten Language Program (KLP),
- Program to Assist Social Thinking (PAST)
- Empower™ Reading
- Gifted Withdrawal Program and Congregated Gifted Program

Switching Learning Models

Families will receive a confirmation email once they submit their child's selection. The confirmation email will include a link giving families the ability to change their selection prior to the March 25th deadline. Your child's learning model selection is for the entire school year from September 2022 until June 2023.

After the March 25th deadline, families can make a transfer request to an in-person or home school as per the [Admissions Policy](#) and transfers will only be fulfilled if there is space. Families whose transfer requests cannot be accommodated immediately will be placed on a waitlist until there is an opportunity to transfer. In instances where there is no availability, a request to transfer may not be possible.

This information and the TCDSB's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) has been prepared to assist you with making the decision that is best for your child(ren). Together, we have learned so much from this past year and hope to provide families with a learning model option that will best support your child(ren). We appreciate your continued understanding, patience, and partnership.

Sincerely,

Brendan Browne
Director of Education