

Stage 2 September School Restart FAQs

This information is up to date as of Aug. 28, 2020. More information will be shared as it becomes available

Will students be attending school onsite every day?

- As per the Ministry of Education (MOE) guidelines, students will be attending full time in September.

Is my child required to return to the classroom in September?

- It is a parent/guardian's choice whether their child will return to the classroom in September.

Is there an online/remote learning option provided by the school?

- In Stage 2 HMS will have full-time in-class instruction, as per the MOE's Five-Stage Framework

What are my other options for school this year?

- You may choose to do homeschooling or Distributed Learning (DL). Information about DL Schools can be found at: <https://www.learnnowbc.ca/Courses/>. Click "Find Programs" and select your child's grade to see all of the DL School options. Some links to school webpages don't work, but the names can guide you in looking for program information. Mission School District's DL School is Summit Learning Centre. This link will take you to the website: [Summit Registration Information for New Students for 2020-2021](#).

If I elect for my child not to return to HMS for September, but change my mind later, is my child able to return?

- While spots will not be held for students not currently attending, students are welcome to re-enroll depending on space availability

How many students will be in my child's class?

- As per the MOE guidelines, classes will have the regular amount of students (up to 30).

What is a learning group?

- A learning group is made up of students to a limit of 60 (two classes)
- Students will have classes only with students from within their learning group

What will the classroom look like?

- Students within the same class and learning group DO NOT need to be physically distanced (2m) according to the guidelines set out in the Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings. That said, Teachers may space furniture apart to maximize distance between learning stations
- Classes will be supplied with hand sanitizer for hand hygiene

What about when they're not in class?

- We're still working on this. It may look like single direction hallways, designated entry/exit doors, etc. Our site-based Health and safety team will be working on these details next week. Information to follow.

Will the cafeteria still operate?

- We will adjust things to meet H & S protocols so that the Cafeteria will still run. There is still some planning to do though, so these services will not be available at the start of the school year. Please ensure your child has snacks, lunch, and a water bottle for school each day.

What will lunch look like?

- We're still working on this. It may look like designated learning group areas. Scheduled access to rec. spaces, etc. Details to follow.

Should my child /Can my child / Does my child have to wear a mask?

- All staff and students will be required to wear a mask when in shared spaces where distancing cannot be maintained or there are people not from your learning group.

Will there be year end field trips?

- At this point field trips will be on hold but we are hoping that we will be able to have some at some point in the school year.

What about assemblies?

- Unfortunately, in-person assemblies will have to be cancelled at this time due to H & S requirements.

What should I do if my child is not feeling well?

- Please do not send them to school.

What will happen if my child feels sick or is assessed as being unwell while at school?

- If your child becomes unwell while at school, they will be brought to an isolation space and you will be contacted to come and pick them up. They will need to go home and/or for support from a Health provider.

What will happen if a student or staff member in our classroom and/or learning group gets COVID?

- The Fraser Health Authority (FHA) directs any information sharing in regards to Covid-19.