

Newsletter #2 - September 4

Dear Don Mills CI Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students:

As we get closer to returning to school, we would like to share with you the following information. Please note that information is always changing so please expect regular updates. Please also ensure that you regularly check your email for messages from DMCI and the TDSB. The TDSB also provides regular updates on its [Return to School Webpage](#).

Student Timetables Release Update:

As of now, more information is expected from the TDSB with regards to the emailing out of student timetables. At the present time, student timetables will be shared via a TDSB email prior to the start of classes currently scheduled to start on September 15, 2020.

Timetable Change Update: No timetable changes will be possible before timetables have been released. Only students who meet the criteria below will be eligible for timetable changes.

- Grade 12 students who need a prerequisite course for university qualifications.
- Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 students who completed OR did not complete a summer school or private school credit.

Returning Devices: TDSB students who were issued a loaner device to support remote learning who are not returning to the TDSB in September are to return that device to the Main Office of DMCI.

Virtual School Registration: Anyone who did not respond to the Registration has been contacted by our main office via phone to find out the family's decision. All students who have elected to go to the Virtual School will be transferred to the Virtual School by the end of day on September 4, 2020. More information to follow.

Water Fountains: The policy on water fountains has been updated. Toronto Public Health recommends that water fountains are not to be used to drink water but might be used to fill water bottles. Students are encouraged to carry individual refillable water bottles that come filled from home.

Becoming Ill while at School

Please see Toronto Public Health's webpage on [what to do if you have COVID-19 symptoms or were exposed to someone who does](#). Students/staff that become ill will be isolated in a designated, supervised "wellness room" until they are picked up. The parent/guardian or emergency contacts are notified to pick up the ill student as soon as possible. If it's an emergency 911 will be called. Public Health does not recommend that students take the TTC or school bus home and transportation arrangements be made that minimize contacts. It is strongly recommended that school staff and students with symptoms of COVID-19 go to an [assessment centre](#) for testing as soon as possible, and to [self-isolate](#) at home until their result is available. As per Toronto Public Health guidelines, there are no tests for staff or students to do

to be cleared to return to work or school. In general, staff and students can return to work and school 14 days after their symptoms began if they had COVID-19. For other illnesses, or if someone tested negative for COVID-19, they should not return to work or school until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours.

External Visitors - Parents/Guardians: To maintain a safe environment, visitors are strictly limited. Parents and guardians are encouraged to email, call or set up virtual appointments.

All School Visitors Must:

If an external visitor must come to DMCI, please conduct a [self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms](#) before coming to the building and again before entering the school. At this time, visitors (non-staff) must enter through the Main Entrance and visit the Screening Station. External visitors must sign-in and out for safety and contact tracing purposes. Masks/face coverings are available at the main entrance and must be worn.

School Start Date: At present, Secondary and Virtual School starts the week of September 14th. More information to follow. Please check The TDSB also provides regular updates on its [Return to School Webpage](#).

Face Masks/ Face Coverings: A reminder that all students and staff must wear a face mask/covering with exemptions for medical reasons. Should you or your child require an exemption, please contact Mr. Bushell at 416-395-3190, ext. 20010, prior to coming to school to discuss the exemption.

Driveway:

Again, the DMCI driveway is one way. Please enter the driveway from the southend only. Please do not park in assigned parking spots. Please do not idle in front of the school. There is a parking lot in the back of the school and because it is quite small you may need to arrange pick up on neighbourhood streets where parking and or stopping is allowed. Please do not park in the parking lots of buildings in the neighbourhood. They are private property. Alternatively, we are close to bike trails and public transit.

Dropping Off Items: There will be a cart outside the front entrance daily from 9am-3pm where you can return outstanding textbooks or library books. For Musical Instruments or other items, please bring them into the Main Office. If you need to return a musical instrument and are unable to enter the building, please phone our Main Office to make arrangements at 416-395-3190.