

Good afternoon Oakridge Parents, Guardians & Families,

We would like to thank you for your patience while we work through the process of safe school reopening. We know a part of feeling a sense of comfort and security involves communication and understanding. We felt it necessary to wait until there were definite board and school plans to share. It is also important that we continue to prepare the school so students and staff are safe ~~and~~ in order for students ~~can~~ to receive a high quality education. Below are some updates.

### **Results of the Pre-Registration Survey**

The TDSB contacted you either by phone or by email to ask if you intend to send your child to school on a ***Regular School Day Model*** (full day of learning in school every day) or if your child will not be attending school and will participate in the ***Virtual School for Remote Learning***.

Preregistration results from Oakridge families are below:

In School (Regular Day)	Virtual School	*No Response
49%	48%	3%

\*We're still attempting to contact parents/guardians who have yet to preregister their child.

Here are the dates for those who are considering changing their preference in future.

<b>Opportunity to Change</b>	<b>Date the Change of Class would Take Effect</b>	<b>Deadline for Requesting Change</b>
#1: Approximately One Month into School Year	October 13, 2020 (day after Thanksgiving)	September 30, 2020
#2: Following Progress Reporting Period	November 23, 2020	November 06, 2020
#3: Following Distribution of First Provincial Report Card	February 16, 2021 (day after Family Day Holiday)	January 29, 2021

### **Class Sizes (In-School Regular Day)**

Next week we will receive our school allocation which will indicate the number of classes, teachers, educators and support staff at Oakridge. Our school composition is based on the preregistration survey. Once we've completed the staffing process, parents will be informed as to the name of their child's teacher followed by information about opening day procedures. Please expect communication either next Thursday or Friday.

### **Virtual School (Remote Learning)**

Parents who've chosen this option will receive communication from the Principal and/or teacher of the virtual school. Please note, the virtual school is staffed centrally which means your child may not be taught by an Oakridge teacher or staff member.

### **Health and Safety**

Oakridge has received shipments of personal protective equipment (PPE). As a school, we're in the process of reconfiguring our school to adhere to public health guidelines in addition to revising some of our protocols which include, the use of directional floor markings, signs that promote proper hygienic practices and respiratory etiquette, reducing certain social interactions and limiting non-essential visitors.

### **Student and Staff Well-Being**

Recognizing the impact the pandemic has had on all of us, student and staff wellbeing will be at the forefront. We are all responsible for contributing to an environment that's positive, warm, welcoming and equitable. Emphasis will be placed on self-care, care for others, responsive relationship building and inclusivity.

### **In-School Learning**

Following health and safety guidelines and emphasizing student/staff wellbeing, students will engage in a variety of learning opportunities. Your child's educational development will be based on assessment practices and then programming will be provided based on learning needs and curriculum expectations. It's important to note that students will require time to adjust to in-class learning. Further communication will be provided to you by your child's teacher and educator.

### **Oakridge Parent/Guardian Virtual Meeting**

An Oakridge parent/guardian virtual meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. We will go into more detail about some of the topics presented in this communication and discuss some of the other steps we're taking as a school to provide a safe and caring environment that will foster a quality education for your child. The link to the meeting will be provided Tuesday.

### **Additional Information**

Please visit the TDSB website for additional information regarding school opening.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School>

We wish you a great long weekend and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Stay Strong! Stay Safe! Stay Positive!

Mr. Parker & Ms. Lin