



HOPE SECONDARY SCHOOL

PO Box 249 • 444 Stuart St • Hope, BC V0X 1L0

January 6, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

As you are aware, our schools will open to all of our students on Monday, January 10, 2022. During this week, our staff has discussed our safety protocols for the coming weeks due to the Omicron variant, as well as plans for our students, in the event we need to shift to remote learning.

Safety Measures:

1. As has been our practice since Sept. 2020, our students must enter the school through their designated grade entrances and complete a daily health check with a staff member. Students will then use the hand sanitizing stations before proceeding to their lockers. As of January 10, access to lockers will be limited, so students must prepare themselves for a full morning or afternoon of learning and ensure they have all materials they will need for their morning or afternoon classes. Students will be able to access their locker upon arrival to school, prior to their lunch break and before their third block class. Students will be asked to stay in their designated area of the school prior to the warning bell, which indicates students should proceed to their first class. Students in grades 7 will have access to their classrooms, the gym, and Common's Room. Students in grades 8 & 9 will have access to the gym, Common's Room, and rooms 5, 9, and 11. Students in grades 10 -12 will be able to be in rooms 20, 21, 22, 24, and 27 and walk about the east end of the building.
2. Staff and students must wear well fitted masks while in the school. Students in grades 8 – 12, who remain in the school during the lunch break must eat their lunch in their second period classroom and remain seated. Once they have eaten their lunch, students must put on their masks properly and then they may go to the gym, CR, be outside (weather permitting), “hang out” in specific classrooms or walk in designated areas of the school. We have established a junior lunch and a senior lunch, as we did during the last school year, to minimize crowding during the lunch break.
3. There is a transition break of 2 minutes between classes. Students must move through the building, on the right side of the halls, to their next class. This time is not for students to stop at the water fountains or bathrooms as we are trying to minimize crowding in areas of the school. Once the hallways have cleared and if a student needs to leave the classroom, they may do so after they have spoken with their teacher. Students and staff, of course, need to be wearing their masks during the transition break. We ask that students fill their water bottles before classes begin, in the morning, and again before their third block class in the afternoon.



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4. We have staggered the release time of students at the end of the day. If students are working after school with specific teachers or have a basketball practice, they are asked to move to the designated area as soon as possible. Students who are not working with a teacher are asked to vacate the building quickly. All students should use the hand sanitizer before exiting the building.
5. The school will be cleaned every evening, which includes the frequently touched services like door handles, toilet handles, tables and desks. We will continue to use our signage indicating traffic flow and reminders of physical distancing, and frequent hand washing.
6. A friendly reminder to parents that all students should bring a water bottle to school every day.
7. We are working through a difficult situation and our students have done a good job in following our protocols in the last year and half. As we move through this challenging time, it is important that our students listen to the directives given by staff. As always, if you have questions, please reach out to me, at your convenience.

Our adjusted bell scheduled is as noted below:

Warning Bell	8:25
Period 1	8:30 – 9:43
Transition Between Classes	9:43 – 9:45
Period 2	9:45 – 10:55
Lunch/Flex	10:55 – 11:30 Lunch (gr 10 -12); Flex (gr 7 - 9)
Lunch/Flex	11:30 – 12:05 Lunch (gr 7 - 9); Flex (gr 10 -12)
Period 3	12:05 – 1:24
Transition Between Classes	1:24– 1:26
Period 4	1:26 – 2:40 (gr 7 – 9) 1:26 – 2:45 (gr 10 - 12)



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Remote Learning:

There is always a chance we may have to shift to remote learning due to significant transmission within the community or because of a functional closure, which may occur because of staff away due to illness. Our teachers will be working with their students next week to remind them of how to access classroom information/materials so they can continue their studies in the event of a closure. We, of course, will notify you as quickly as possible if we must make the shift to remote learning.

Daily Home Procedure:

Parents need to assess their children daily for symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease prior to sending them to school. Students with any symptoms should **not** come to school. Please contact the school if you need to keep your student at home. If your child becomes ill, at school, we will contact you to arrange for them to be picked up as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us via phone at 604-869-9971 or email: rosalee.floyd@sd78.bc.ca or karl.koslowsky@sd78.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Rosalee Floyd

Rosalee Floyd, Principal

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