

Dawson Creek Secondary School

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Dear DCSS Parents and Students:

The BC Ministry of Education announced that schools will be partially reopening beginning June 2, 2020. DCSS South Peace Campus students will be permitted to access the school 20% of the time (equivalent of one day per week). Returning to school in June is optional. If families choose to keep their children at home for the remainder of this school year, they will continue to receive their learning remotely. This is our plan for the remainder of this school year.

Teachers will still be connecting with students through the remote learning plans established after spring break. The goal of having students accessing the school is to support students that may be struggling with their learning and for priority learners that need extra support completing the material.

Accessing the school will be by appointment only. If you want to have your child attend the school to get additional support, please contact the school at 250 782 5585. We will be compiling the information at the office and making arrangements for students to attend on the following days:

- Tuesdays students with last names A L
- Thursdays students with last names M Z

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will be reserved for additional appointments or to accommodate students who are not able to attend on their designated day. For priority learners, identified by School Based Team and teaching staff, additional in school learning days, beyond the 20%, may be required to meet their learning needs.

We will be maintaining the block rotation schedule that was established at the end of spring break. Students must arrive to the school no earlier than 15 mins before their scheduled appointments. For bus students, we will work with the district bus garage to make arrangements. Bus students will be attending for a full day.

The health and safety of your child and our staff remains our first priority. Students arriving at the school will be screened for signs or symptoms of illness and will be required to wash their hands upon arrival and before leaving. We have put in measures to decrease physical density in the school including closing common areas, rearranging classroom furniture to meet physical distancing requirements, and directional markings in hallways. There is a mandatory protocol attached with this letter that all students and parents need to read before returning to the school. Protocols must be followed by students while they are in the building in order to maintain the health and safety of all people in the building.



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Anticipated Questions:

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- Will remote learning continue?
 - Yes, the remote learning that was set up after spring break remains the primary method of instruction. Students need to keep working in their courses and appointments can be made with teachers for additional support.
- I want to get extra help; how do I make arrangements?
 - Please phone 250 782 5585 to indicate that you would like to access the school to meet with teachers.
- I want help in one class, but not in all my classes, do I need to stay at the school for the whole day?
 - No, students can make appointments for specific blocks. At the end of the appointment, students must leave the school.
- I ride the bus; how will that work?
 - We will work with the bus garage on bus arrangements and scheduling for our out-of-town students. If you would like to access the school and are a bus student, please contact the school.
- What is the process when I arrive at the school?
 - Entrance to the school will occur through the front concession doors. Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of the appointment. You will be greeted by staff; they will screen students for signs and symptoms and provide instructions on school safety protocols.
- Can I visit with my friends?
 - We understand that school has an important social aspect. However, during this time we need students coming to the school to focus on their learning. Students must maintain minimal social distancing at all times while in the school.
- What is the block schedule?
 - Period 1: 9-10
 - Period 2: 10:30-11:30
 - Period 3: 12:30-1:30
 - Period 4: 2:00-3:00
 - The daily block rotation remains the same

Please contact the school if you have any questions: 250 782 5585