



## COVID-19 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Thank you to the HHCS community for your continued support and prayers as we look toward our upcoming school year. Our aim has always been to maximize student potential in learning while minimizing risk. The health, safety and well being of our students and staff is our top priority for preventing the transmission of COVID-19.

Please note, these questions and answers will be updated regularly as the situation changes or we get new information.

### **How can we stay informed?**

Current families have access to weekly updates through our weekly School News and Communications on Sycamore. This is our main source of communication and it is vital that families stay connected. Administration continues to update families as new information becomes available and we will continue to be present on social media accounts: [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Here you will find some helpful resources put out by Halton Public Health, should a member of your household exhibit symptoms:

- [Return to School Protocol for Student/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) (flowchart for schools)
- [Halton Region Public Health School Protocol for Student/Staff Member with COVID-19 Symptoms](#) (flowchart for schools)
- [What to do if your child has symptoms of COVID-19](#) (FAQ for parents)
- [Ministry of Health/Ministry of Education COVID-19 Screening tool for students and children in school](#)

### **Will masks be required?**

Students in grades 1-8 will be required to wear a mask indoors. Staff will also continue to wear masks inside the building.

### **What are the preventative measures in place?**

Effective and efficient contact tracing will take place including daily screening for all staff and students through the [Halton Hills Christian School Covid-19 Screening App](#).

Increased sanitization and emphasis of proper hygiene practices in classrooms (as monitored by homeroom teachers) as well as the rest of the building (as monitored by our day-time custodian).

Learning outdoors will continue to be emphasized. We are grateful for the expansion of our outdoor learning space through the Backyard Project.

Student-friendly and informative signage has been displayed throughout the building around traffic flow, hygiene practices, capacity expectations within common areas.

### **What will my child's class cohort look like?**

Students in grade 6 and below will remain with their own class for the majority of their learning within the building. Students will have the opportunity to be together outdoors as it is safe to do so.

Classrooms will be set up in a way that supports distancing, yet allows student collaboration in age-appropriate ways. We are well aware that much learning occurs through play and interaction. Students will eat in their classroom, at desks, practicing proper hygiene before and after meals.

### **Will there be Before and After School Care?**

Before and after school care will continue to operate with sanitization protocols in place. Students will be required to mask inside the building. Opportunities to be outdoors will remain a priority.

### **Will visitors be allowed in the building?**

We look forward to interacting with visitors and guests in the building. Screening and sign-in will be required for contact tracing purposes. Those who are unwell and exhibit any symptoms will not be allowed into the building.

### **Will common spaces be open?**

The gym and library will be open for use by classes throughout the day and cleaned regularly.

### **Will student counselling be available?**

If you are in need of support or counselling services, we encourage you to reach out to one of our school counselors:

Jody Van Dooren. email ( [jody@vandoorencounselling.com](mailto:jody@vandoorencounselling.com)) or phone (647.697.8053)

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