



## **Mount Albion Back to School Update #2:**

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

This week our staff has been working to prepare classrooms for the arrival of your children. We have ensured that all public health and HWDSB Covid protocols are in place in our building in order to keep all of our staff and students safe when we all return to our building together next week.

As many of you are aware, we have had to make some changes to class placements due to the shift in the number of students returning to In-School learning. Teachers have been presented with their new class lists and they will endeavor to reach out to families by the end of the day Friday to introduce themselves to families. Teachers will also review the protocols that we have created for busing, lining up on the playground and cohort areas for recess breaks.

A reminder that the parking lots are not accessible for parents during construction. We recommend if you are driving your child to school, to please arrive early enough to park on the side streets around the school. Our bus loading and unloading zone has been temporarily moved to Kennard Street until our construction project has been completed.

Given families will need to pick up walkers on the back playground, I would advise you to select a meeting space on the back playground for you to meet your child following dismissal at 3:00 p.m. A reminder that we must all maintain a social distance and that masks should be worn when distancing is not possible (even outdoors).

We will be sending student agendas with our students in the coming weeks. These agendas are a great communication tool for teachers and parents. We ask that you continue to write notes in the agenda for our teachers and they will find a safe way to respond to you. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are limiting all visitors to our school to keep everyone safe. If you need to connect with our staff, please call the office and we will pass along a message. Ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the day with lunches, gym shoes, appropriate clothing etc. as we will not be permitted to accept these items from you at the front office.

Lastly, we are still using school messenger to communicate to our families. Please connect with our office if you have an updated email address to share with us. A reminder that the updated email address connects you to the parent portal, access to report cards etc. We also use School

Messenger for reporting a child's absence. If you require assistance setting this up, please call our office for support.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students return to our school next week. Please observe the staggered schedule for entry posted on our website and our twitter accounts.

Sincerely,

Angela Giardino  
Principal