

Welcome to our New Building!

A warm welcome to all of our students, families, staff, and community to our new Tennyson school building! Our staff and many district and contractor teams have been working hard to be ready to welcome our students into the new learning spaces.

As the school will of course look and feel a bit different than our old building. Some students will be excited and some might feel a little nervous at first, but we know that everyone will settle in after a few days.



This package contains some information and some reminders about pick up, drop off, etc. We continue to work within the parameters of our Covid-19 Safety plan.

Pick-up & Drop-off Times & Procedures

- Non-staff adults **must** remain outside of the building, and are asked not to congregate on the grounds
- Parents/families are asked to wait off the grounds at pick up and drop off, particularly on the south, east, and north sides of the grounds. We need adequate space for student lineups and movement, and doing so will help us to assess our space.
- Pick-up/drop off continues to be staggered for health and safety requirements
- Families, please be on time, and please do not congregate during pick up/drop off
- Intermediate students are asked to come onto the grounds after 8:50am, once our primary students have begun to enter the school. This will provide adequate space.

Divisions with 8:50 drop-off & 2:50 pick-up: Divisions 10-18

Divisions with 9:00 drop-off & 3:00 pick-up: Divisions 1-9

Pick-up & Drop-off Locations/Signs

For Monday morning (Dec 7th) only, students will lineup at their regular lineups at the old building. This will allow for students to learn their new lineup

locations in a more structured manner during the school day. Teachers will meet students there and walk them to the new building. This will allow school staff to orient the students to their new entrances/exits, and reinforce our Health & Safety procedures.

Pick up/ drop-off locations are marked with an orange division sign. Students should line up in their learning group, by the division sign, making an effort to minimize physical contact and maximize distance. Teachers will reinforce this expectation with the students.



This is a sample orange division marker sign.

Inside the School

Students will see that there are visual indicators for the flow of people within the school. There are blue “this way” signs with a chevron-style arrow, and yellow lines in some areas that designate “lanes”. Please teach your child to “keep right”, closer to the wall. Stairwells have been separated in a similar manner. Our stairwells have been reserved for use by students of certain divisions only. Teachers will inform students which stairwell has been assigned to their class (they are close to the assigned classroom).



Here is an example of a separated hallway. Students/staff should keep to the right.



This is a separated stairwell. Students/staff should keep to the right. Stairwells are reserved for several designated divisions only. Stairwells are to be used quickly (no one will be lingering on the stairs).

What to bring to School

Anything coming into the school MUST be labelled with your child's name, even small items such as pencils, books, colouring materials.

If your child's teacher asked our child's teacher(s) may send a message before or during the week requesting certain items be brought to school. In other cases, items may be pre-prepared in the classroom.

Students should bring (all items labelled):

- Multiple water bottles; water fountains are no longer in operation.
- Lunch/snack in plastic containers or bag, all of which will return with your child at the end of the day. We are not permitted to share food.
- We need to minimize forgotten items such as lunches, water bottles, homework etc during the school day. Please ensure your child comes with what they need.
- Appropriate labelled attire for the weather, as all recesses will be outside.

Other items:

- Please check with your child's teacher or call the school office if you have questions about your child bringing other items. In general, non-essential items should not come to school.

Recess/Lunch Times

In order to have fewer students outside at recess, we now have several separated recess/lunch times. Generally, there is a separate primary and intermediate recess/lunch. These are during the timeframes in which we have enhanced supervision. Your child's lunchtime may be prior to, or after a second recess time. Lunch is eaten in the classroom, at your child's workspace, with hand-washing reinforced by the teacher.



On the School Grounds

The number of people on the school grounds at one time has been scheduled and is limited. The small playground structure has been built, and the large wooden playground will still be available to us for a few more months. Hand-washing will occur prior to, and after, recesses. Ordinarily, we love having our families using the school grounds around pick-up and drop of times to socialize and enjoy the playground. With physical distancing requirements for adults and the effort to maximize distance and minimize physical contact between students, please be mindful of this. TOSS and YMCA use the grounds with students after school, and will need space to be able to do so. Please refrain from congregating or being on the grounds before and after school. Pick-up and drop-off times have been staggered to avoid congestion.



Here are a few photos of common spaces within the new building:



The foyer, looking towards the office and front entrance



The top of the central staircase looking towards the library



The gymnasium



Tenny (our mascot) in the gym