

Parents would like to know...

General school routine

1. **What enhanced safety measures have been made to the classrooms and school to make it safer?** A. back to what we were doing back in Sept 2020, classes will keep to themselves without cohorts with another class. No buddy classes. No Fit kids between classes, planning to do Hip Hop one class at a time instead of in groups. All desks separated and facing forward. K half hexagon tables sitting 2 per table at separate ends of the table. Line up to get into the class is single file away from the door and not along wall. No staggered start and stop because our classes have own class entry. Hand washing continues before/after eating, recess, washrooms, gym, library, parents asked to stand back from the entry areas. HL allowed but no parents in the classroom. Recess segregated by class as much as possible with some exceptions.
2. **Will there be cohorts again, what will recess and lunch look like, drop-off and pick-up.** As per above.
3. **Will there be anything different about lunch time? Is the entire classroom eating at the same time in the classroom or will there be staggered eating time within each classroom or eating outdoors?** No change to lunchtime/eating, all will be eating together while seated in their seats facing forward. Lunch monitors will eat with own class then go to lunch monitor another class while wearing masks. No staggered eating within the class.
4. **Are music and band still going ahead? Will wind instruments be played? Have cloth masks been shown to be effective at preventing transmission while singing in a group?** Music is still on with extra spacing for band because of the wind instruments. Not sure about mask efficiency but Mme Z does not have them singing much.
5. **Is indoor gym going to proceed? Adult gyms are closed due to transmission concerns so assumption that indoor gym would not continue.** Yes, gym will continue but only one class in the gym at one time for the first few wks and then may have Ks share the gym if working well. Masks will be required for all indoor gym activities.

General Knowledge

6. **Will the school receive any rapid tests and if yes, how will they be used?** No rapid test but have always had and will have gargle test.
7. **If a family member tests positive, are siblings allowed to attend school or will they be asked to stay away for the duration of the isolation period?** Follow Fraser Health guidelines whatever they are for your situation as it depends on vaccination status. NB. currently, unvaccinated close contact of a covid positive contact must self-isolate which would include a family member living in the same household.
8. **Are parents allowed to know how many mask exemptions there are in the school and within their children's class?** Laronde does not have any, kids in our school are fantastic at

wearing masks but some need to work on wearing them properly. Most kids are really good. Proper wearing of masks will be reviewed again in the assembly.

9. How is mask compliance enforced? Can students be sent home if they do not wear their masks or not wear them properly and are parents engaged to assist? If a student routinely does not wear their mask properly, how can a parent approach the teacher to request their child not be seated near the student? Student can approach the teacher if they are uncomfortable with the situation or parents can send an email or talk to the teacher. Need to consider that the school would not want to ostracize anyone though but will be considered.
10. Will teachers be wearing N95 masks? No, very difficult to teach with N95 on but will send direction on type of mask that will be worn.
11. If a student shows signs of being sick (eg. coughing in their mask), can the teacher send the student home even if the student does not report feeling sick or if the student says h/she is feeling fine or if the parent says h/she is fine? Yes, parents are called and asked to pick their child up.
12. In the absence of Covid notifications by Fraser health, if a parent self-discloses to the admin team that their child has tested positive for Covid or believes that their child has Covid, could our admin team disclose to parents and teachers that there is a case in the classroom and school? The school is not allowed to disclose that information however parents in a classroom or PAC can set up a system for self-reporting if desired.
13. If the weather warrants an indoor recess, how will that be done safely? Will send out as much as possible or for at least 15 minutes. If indoors, likely will keep at their desk.
14. Are water fountains still open and their use encouraged? Fountains are open but kids don't really use them. Families are still encouraged to pack a full water bottle each day.
15. Are asymptomatic teachers and staff who have tested positive able to be at school? If not, would we be notified if that policy changes? As per current health orders, teachers should not be at work if they have tested positive.
16. Are teachers satisfied with their availability to Booster and the return to in-person teaching? Yes, some have the booster and some registered to get in the next few weeks.
17. Will parents be advised if their teacher has Covid? The school will not disclose that information however the teacher may choose to personally disclose that to their class.

Decision to move to Online Learning

18. What will trigger a move to online learning in a classroom and for the school? How many staff (teacher and admin) absences at Laronde will force a closure? District and Fraser Health will decide on functional closures based on staffing reported by the school daily. No magical

number because it depends on who the staff are who is away and for what reason. Many factors taken into consideration. Functional closure will be school based and not done by individual classes. The day that unmanageable staffing shortages are determined is considered Day 0 and temporary arrangements will be made to supervise students that day and will be situation dependant. Laronde will advise parents as soon as possible on Day 0 so that any parents who are able to pick children up do that. The following day, Day 1 will not have any instruction. Day 2 -7 (or day 2-10) will be online. Whether that is school days or calendar days will be confirmed.

19. Will parents be kept informed about staffing levels and when the possibility of a functional closure is imminent? For example, a green, yellow and red declaration so parents know it may be coming and can plan accordingly? Laronde will give as much information as possible when it is known and authorized to do so. The school understands the disruption this causes but in some cases there may not be advanced warning.

20. Supt Tinney announced that if there are staff shortages that it would result in a functional closure. If there is a student shortage in a classroom but no staff shortage in a class, will online learning be implemented to ensure learning is not disrupted? Many students may be well enough to participate at home online but not be in the classroom. If yes, how many students would need to be absent to move to online? A student shortage will not trigger a closure. Teachers will do what they can to ensure students at home are able to keep up with the work if desired and will prepare handouts if required. Teachers do not have a requirement/duty to provide a package but many teachers in our school do provide it. Parents are advised to communicate directly with the teacher to find out what is happening in the classes.

Online Learning

21. IF a class moves to online learning, what is the anticipated "class time"? No set hours, minimum of 2 full class instruction time (30-60min) plus group work. Teachers will communicated with parents on Day 1 what the online requirement and schedule will be for the online learning. Some teachers will send home workbooks and instruction on Day 0.

22. Is online learning expected to look like the previous online learning or more like the blended learning from last year? Have blended learning teachers had the opportunity to pass on lessons learned from the year of blended learning? Online learning will look like something in between the two, is a short period of time (7-10 days) so not as structured as blended.

23. What resources are required at home IF a class transitions to online? Computer/tablet. The school will canvass families to determine what if any devices will need to be borrowed from the school for online learning. Work will be put into PDF form so not much printing will be required.

24. Will parents have a choice whether or not to participate in online learning? Always a choice but is expectation that it is school so they should participate.

How can parents help at Laronde?

25. [What can parents do to help make Laronde a safe environment?](#) Not come onto school grounds if don't have to, wear masks on school grounds when you do, not coming into the school, being safe in own community to help prevent spread into the school.
26. [If parents are able to take their child out of class for lunchtime, would that be encouraged to reduce numbers in the classroom? How are parents to advise the school if they choose to take their children during the meal/eating time?](#) Yes, need a note to depart and advise office when they leave and come back.
27. [What information should parents provide the school and teachers about absences?](#) Email or call and provide information on reasons for absence.
28. [If we can find them, are parents able to donate HEPA filters to classrooms?](#) No, district says we have functional systems in place and it is not warranted and won't authorize their use.

Transparency and Sharing of Information.

29. [From my understanding, due to issues with contact tracing as a result of the speed of Omicron transmission there will be no further notices being distributed by the health authority regarding positive cases for teachers / students / staff. Is it possible to have some type of internal class specific notification at the school level to be aware for symptoms if there is a positive case in the class?](#) School can't advise but parents could organize own reporting system.
30. [Again, from my understanding functional closures will only be a result of insufficient teaching staff and not a result of multiple student cases in the same class. Can you confirm if this is in fact true, and if so, what the plan is for kids who are home sick in terms of access to learning for the 2 weeks they are home?](#) See Q 20. Communicate with school/teacher. If home sick, the child should be resting for a quick recovery and not spending much time on school work.
31. [Laronde is unique in that it is not a community based school - kids are travelling from multiple different communities to come to school and there are also multiple after-school programs that service many different schools, including Laronde. If the health authority is not longer tracking / notifying people of exposures, is there any type of opportunity for this knowledge to be shared with others in the respective communities?](#) No, this would be difficult to do.
32. [Have any safety upgrades been made at Laronde or has this week been focused on "how to pivot online on short notice"?](#) Bit of both