



Hello Black Mountain families,

We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back to safe classrooms on either September 10 or 11 for a full day of orientation. Starting school will look different than last year, so we thank you not only for your patience as we planned for back to school but also for your diligence in helping us keep everyone safe.

Please review the information below regarding our basic procedures for returning to school. Staff will familiarize students with safety procedures and will ensure clean, safe learning spaces; knowing our new procedures will help you make sure students travel safely and arrive at school in good health.

Please remember the following key points for arriving to and leaving from school this fall:

- Remind children to keep their distance and to refrain from touching others while waiting for the bus and/or lining up for entrance to the school.
- Parents/caregivers are reminded that we are a closed campus; we encourage parents to leave the parking lot shortly after dropping off, and everyone must leave the school grounds once students are dismissed for the day. The only exception is for the September 10 and 11 orientation days; see information below for specific details.
- Learn the staggered entrance and exit times for your student, as well as the drop-off/pickup areas. These will be outlined in our school-based safety plan.
- Parents/caregivers must not enter the school unless they have a scheduled appointment/invitation from the school administration.

Here is a sample timetable for elementary students in Central Okanagan Public Schools:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:25 am	Learning groups line up outside at their designated meeting area for staggered entry				
Morning	<b>Instructional Time</b> (Staggered recess break for half the school in designated play areas)				
Lunch	Half of school to play while other half eats in classroom, then switch places				
Afternoon	<b>Instructional Time</b> (Staggered recess breaks for half the school in designated play areas)				
2:25 pm	Staggered dismissal of learning groups				

You can learn more about district-wide plans for safety, returning to school, and provincial updates at [sd23.bc.ca](http://sd23.bc.ca). Thank you for staying engaged and connected to our school community. By working together, we can help students feel welcome, safe, and ready to learn.

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