



## **FEIA COVID-19 UPDATE – August 3rd, 2020.**

As we near the start of a new school year, FEIA has been busy preparing the Campus for our students' arrival. In light of COVID-19, we have amped up our cleaning protocols, developed new arrival/departure procedures and implemented many new processes that will ensure physical distancing is maintained by all of our staff, students and limited guests.

Here are some of the updates we have made to ensure the on-going safety of the FEIA Family:

- All staff and students will receive a washable non-medical mask and a refillable personal sized bottle of hand sanitizer to use throughout the school day.
- In addition to the hand sanitizing stations we set up in March of this year, more stations will be added throughout that also include re-fill stations for personal bottle top up.
- The school will go through a deep clean before the school opens each day, while all high touch surfaces will be sanitized a minimum of three times a day leveraging cleaning and disinfecting products that follow the Ministry of Health guidelines. A cleaning log will also be posted in each room to track cleaning
- We will screen and limit the number of visitors we allow into the school.
- We ask that students minimise the number of personal belongings brought into the school and that all items are labelled.
- FEIA is designing timetabling that will allow, to the greatest extent, for students to remain in contact with only their classmates and a single teacher for as much of the school day as possible.
- Timetabling will also allow for classroom cohorts to move through entrances and exits in a staggered fashion for an activity that occurs outside their primary classroom (i.e. lunch, recess etc.).
- One-way traffic signage, and physical distancing markers will also be added to the Campus.
- FEIA classrooms, hallways, washrooms and offices will all leverage signage to direct entry and exit in order to promote physical distancing.
- We are working with public health to establish protocols to prepare for the unlikely event of a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19.
- We will leverage digital parent communications over traditional paper copy and are developing fact sheets explaining new protocols and links to helpful information, as well as detailed instructions regarding screening and pick-up/drop-off procedures and protocols if a child or staff person becomes ill to share with the FEIA Family prior to the start of school.

In that the Ministry of Education provided the guidance we require to solidify our opening plan for the 2020/21 school year, FEIA will open the school for in-class education for both elementary and high school students, 5 days a week and with numerous new social distancing processes that we'll educate our student body on in an assembly on the first day of school: September 8, 2020. With more than 17 acres of property, our Campus is spacious enough to ensure a minimum of 6ft distance is kept between staff and students throughout each day and can easily maintain classes of 15 or less, as that is already our threshold.

Should you have any questions on the above, please call the school or send an email to [info@feia.ca](mailto:info@feia.ca) and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Connie Stella, Head Principal