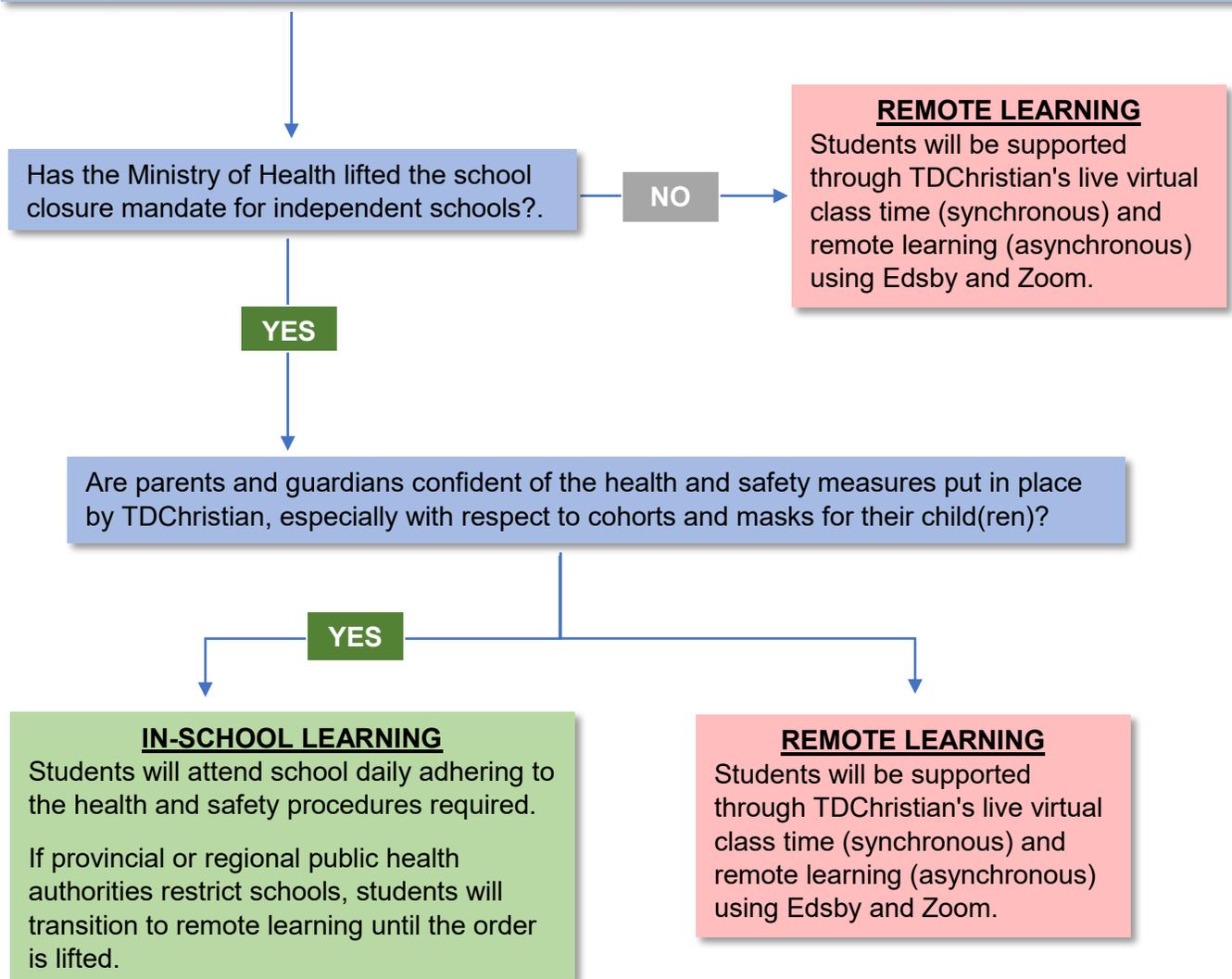


Return to School Plan

TDChristian High School, August 2020

We, at TDChristian, believe that learning for service in the light of God's Word occurs best in person as we enfold, engage and empower our students. However, we acknowledge that returning to on-campus learning requires flexibility as we prioritize the health and safety of everyone in our community. Below is a flow chart that indicates how we will operate as we respond to guidelines set up in Ontario's "Approach to reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year." Above all, we do so in faith and in prayer.

In consultation with health professionals and local officials, TDChristian is preparing the school building and property to welcome students on campus or via remote learning on September 8, 2020.



The School Year: 2020-21

The COVID-19 Pandemic has altered the way that we live and move in the world. Information is constantly updated which affects expectations and protocols. Things that remain constant are our hope and faith in God, the Sustainer of all things and the Giver of all good things.

The plan, starting on September 8, is for TDChristian to have all its students at school, daily, in classes. There will be changes due to health and safety protocols, in order to provide a safe and healthy school environment for students, teachers, and staff, while also safeguarding the broader communities in which we all live. These centre on coming to school only when one is well, the wearing of masks, physical distancing where possible, fewer human contacts in a day through the use of cohorts, hand washing and good air flow.

While having all students physically at school is ideal, we realize that this is not workable for some families. Therefore, we will provide remote learning for students of families who are not comfortable with their children being at school due to these health concerns and for students who are not well enough to attend on any day.

This document will outline the school day with a focus of on-campus learning. It will refer to remote learning, as well. TDChristian will be ready to pivot to other ways of learning when directed by the Provincial Government or when the school board deems necessary or best.

The school year will be divided into four quarters, called *quadmesters*. Students will complete two courses in each quadmester – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each course will consist of 120 minutes of in-class learning (in-class or remote) and 40 minutes of at-home learning for a total of 160 minutes per course per day. Each quadmester will include:

- 42 or 43 days of course instruction
- A minimum of 110 hours of learning as per the Ministry of Education requirements
- One Project Day (consisting of 160 minutes of at home project work for each class)
- One Work Day (consisting of 160 minutes of at home work for each class)
- One Final Evaluation Day
- A Midterm Report posted in Edsby and a Final Report sent home.

Normally, there will be two turnaround days between successive quadmesters. These will provide students time to decompress and/or prepare for the next quadmester. Teachers will use the time to mark final evaluations, write final reports, and prepare for their next courses.

See the TDChristian website calendar for specific dates.

In-School Learning

Prior to Coming to School: Students, staff members, and visitors will need to perform a self-screen everyday before coming to school: [Covid-19 Self-assessment Ontario](#). Anyone showing symptoms or believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 should stay home.

Personal Protective Equipment: Students and staff members are required to supply and wear their own masks (non-medical are permitted) while in the building or on the school bus. TDChristian's dress code policy regarding slogans, language, and pictures apply to all PPE. Students with masks with inappropriate messages or pictures will have to replace their masks with school-supplied masks at their own additional cost.

Handwashing and Cleaning: Students and staff members must be vigilant about washing or sanitizing their hands after touching commonly used surfaces such as doors, desks, chairs, or computers. Sanitizer will be available throughout the school and in classrooms.

Arriving and Leaving: School buses will arrive at the school between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Buses will be unloaded one at a time to minimize congestion at the door, entrance areas, and hallways. At the end of the day, dismissal will be staggered for the same reasons. This will likely mean that busses will take longer to leave the parking lot.

Cohorts: Each quadmester, students will be placed in groups of approximately 15 students (called cohorts) which whom they will remain with for both classes. Cohorts will limit the movement among students. Cohorts will change each quadmester.

Break times: Morning breaks will be staggered to prevent congestion in the halls and washrooms. Cohorts will have their periods divided up in one of five ways.

Period	Course	Minutes (first part/second part)
1	Morning Course (two parts with a break in between)	One of: 40/80, 50/70, 60/60, 70/50 or 80/40
	Lunch	30
2	Afternoon Course (two parts with a break in between)	One of: 40/80, 50/70, 60/60, 70/50 or 80/40
	Travel Home	
3	At home work for morning course	40
4	At home work for afternoon course	40

Hall Travel: Students and staff will be expected to follow directional traffic control arrows designed to honour physical distancing.

Washroom Facilities will be used on a rotating basis during successive breaks allowing for regular cleaning. For example, for the first break one set of washrooms will be used. They will be cleaned during the second break while another set of washrooms is used.

Lockers will be locked and unavailable until further notice. Students may bring their bags into the classrooms and keep them at their desks. We will revisit this once the winter comes.

Classrooms will be set up to accommodate the number of students in the cohort to enable more room for physical distancing. Rooms will be equipped with proper cleaning supplies so that desks and other common surfaces can be disinfected between uses.

Lunch: Students will have lunch in their classrooms or in designated areas including outside, with supervision. Microwaves will not be available nor outside deliveries permitted.

Cafeteria: The school kitchen will have food for purchase. We are working at a pre-order and pickup program to respect cohorts and maintain physical distancing.

Computers and Technology: Students are encouraged to bring and use their own devices. School computers will still be available for use. Using available cleaning supplies to disinfect keyboards, mice and other surfaces before and after use will be expected.

Ventilation: The school's ventilation system is being assessed and improved to help eliminate the spread of germs. The school will be kept cool to aid breathing through masks.

Field Trips will be limited to the school day and there will be no overnight trips. The very few field trips that are permitted (e.g. Earth and Space Science canoeing a local river, a History class walking to the Woodbridge Memorial) will be well-supervised and families will be informed of their occurrences.

Clubs and Other Activities will only be offered if physical distancing is possible and equipment and spaces are properly disinfected.

School Assemblies: Until further notice, there will be no school-wide gatherings. Weekly assemblies will be done via livestreaming or video.

Student Well-Being

TDChristian is committed to creating an enfolding and encouraging community to support our students' learning by:

- Creating opportunities for healthy student/student relationships, in person and virtually.
- Conducting daily devotions which direct us to look to God for strength and guidance.
- Personalizing student support with regular check-ins with students and families, especially through Edsby.
- Balancing health requirements with the human need for social connection and interaction.
- Continued prayer for strength and wisdom to follow God's will for our lives.

Academics

All classes will run with safety protocols in place.

Music Notes:

- No communal singing/vocal music in groups. We are looking at software that will allow for a “remote” choir.
- We are determining if there is a safe way to begin Before-School Band.

Visual Arts classes will continue with specific safety protocols.

Dramatic Arts classes will continue keeping in mind safety protocols especially physical distancing.

Photography, Communications Technology, and STEM: safety protocols will be put in place especially with the use and sharing of equipment such as cameras and tools. Limiting use and consistent cleaning will be practiced.

Physical Education: We are waiting for further provincial direction/recommendation for guidelines as they pertain to physical activity. Currently, the only recommendations are to limit the sharing of equipment when possible and to clean equipment between uses. Teachers are examining ways for students to be active while maintaining the proper physical distance.

Science programs will continue and safety protocols will be determined especially with how labs, experiments, and dissections are conducted.

Textbooks

Most of our textbooks are available electronically or online. For the remaining courses that require books, students will be given individual textbooks to use for the quadmester.

Assessment

Teachers will continue to support the learning of their students through ongoing feedback, assessments, evaluations, and the reporting of student work. Families and students need to be aware that student marks will reflect the level of work submitted, as evaluated by the teachers throughout each quadmester regardless of the learning model.

Digital Platforms and Programs

For consistency and flexibility, TDChristian uses the following digital platforms and programs. They assist us in communicating with one another and provide tools for students to manage and complete their own work.



Edsby

All learning goals, success criteria, class assignments, videos, grades, and announcements for students will be available in Edsby, our **primary** teacher/student and school/home communication platform.



Zoom

Zoom is a video conferencing platform used for TDChristian activities and events such as assemblies, membership meetings, and town hall meetings. It is also used to provide a live (synchronous) virtual class meeting space similar for remote learners.



Microsoft 365

Many courses utilize Microsoft 365 programs including versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. *TDChristian students get the use of this program as part of tuition.*



Adobe

Used in several courses for design and editing work. *TDChristian students get the use of this program as part of tuition.*



Autocad

Used in STEM for design. *TDChristian students get the use of this program for free.*

Hybrid Learning

TDChristian is able to pivot to a hybrid learning model if further physical restrictions on student capacity are required by public health. In this model, students will attend school on a flexible attendance schedule.

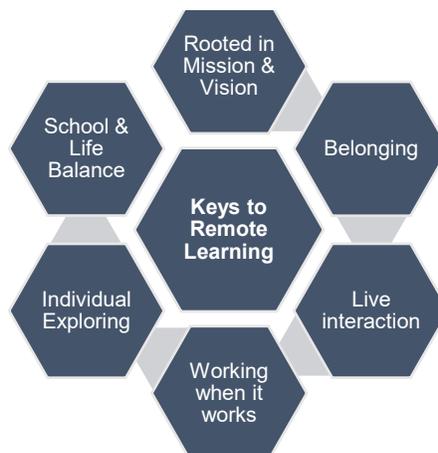
We don't anticipate have to utilize Hybrid Learning. However, if we are mandated to switch to it, the school population will likely be divided into two groups: A and B. While group A is learning at school, group B will be learning remotely, and vice-versa. The schedule for how Groups would switch back and forth between remote and on-campus learning will be provided if and when we begin Hybrid Learning.

Remote Learning

TDChristian's remote learning model will blend live (synchronous) classroom instruction and interaction with directed and assigned work to be done away from school when the student chooses (asynchronous). Remote learning, primarily via a live classroom connection (or perhaps courses through other providers such as Nimbus, AMDEC, ILC), is an option for students who for health or well-being reasons are unable to attend school in person.

Edsby and Zoom will be the core ways we instruct, interact with, and communicate clear learning plans to our students including the work they need to do.

TDChristian will pivot to remote learning if the school building needs to be closed due to local or provincial requirements or for the safety of our students. Our remote learning plans will incorporate and improve on the best practices learned during the time we completed school remotely (i.e. March 23 to June 17, 2020).



Bus Transportation

TDChristian is working with Parkview, our busing provider, to ensure that all public health expectations and student wellbeing are maintained. As requirements are announced by the province, we will provide you with our transportation plan for your child(ren)

Currently, there are no pandemic restrictions on bus capacity. However, we are implementing the following precautions and protocols:

- Bus drivers will wear a mask while loading and unloading students, but may remove their mask while the vehicle is in motion.
- Students will wear masks while on the bus.
- Buses will have assigned seating, as per provincial recommendations, using the following guidelines:
 - Where spacing allows, students will sit one person to a seat.
 - Members of the same households will sit together on a seat or seats.
 - Students in the same cohort may be placed together.
- Once on the bus, students will not be permitted to change seats.
- Buses will be sanitized between uses.
- There will be NO bus passes until further notice, likely for the entire school year.
- Windows will be open on the bus, weather permitting, to improve ventilation.

Final Notes

In addition to providing an excellent place of learning for students, TDChristian endeavours to provide a safe and supportive community for them and their families.

Flexibility and transparency are of the utmost importance. We encourage you to contact our team if you have any questions or concerns about how we are doing our work of helping students learn for service in the light of God's Word.

As we move into and through the school year, we will communicate regularly.

You count on us! We count on you! By God's grace, we move forward in faith into 2020-21.

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