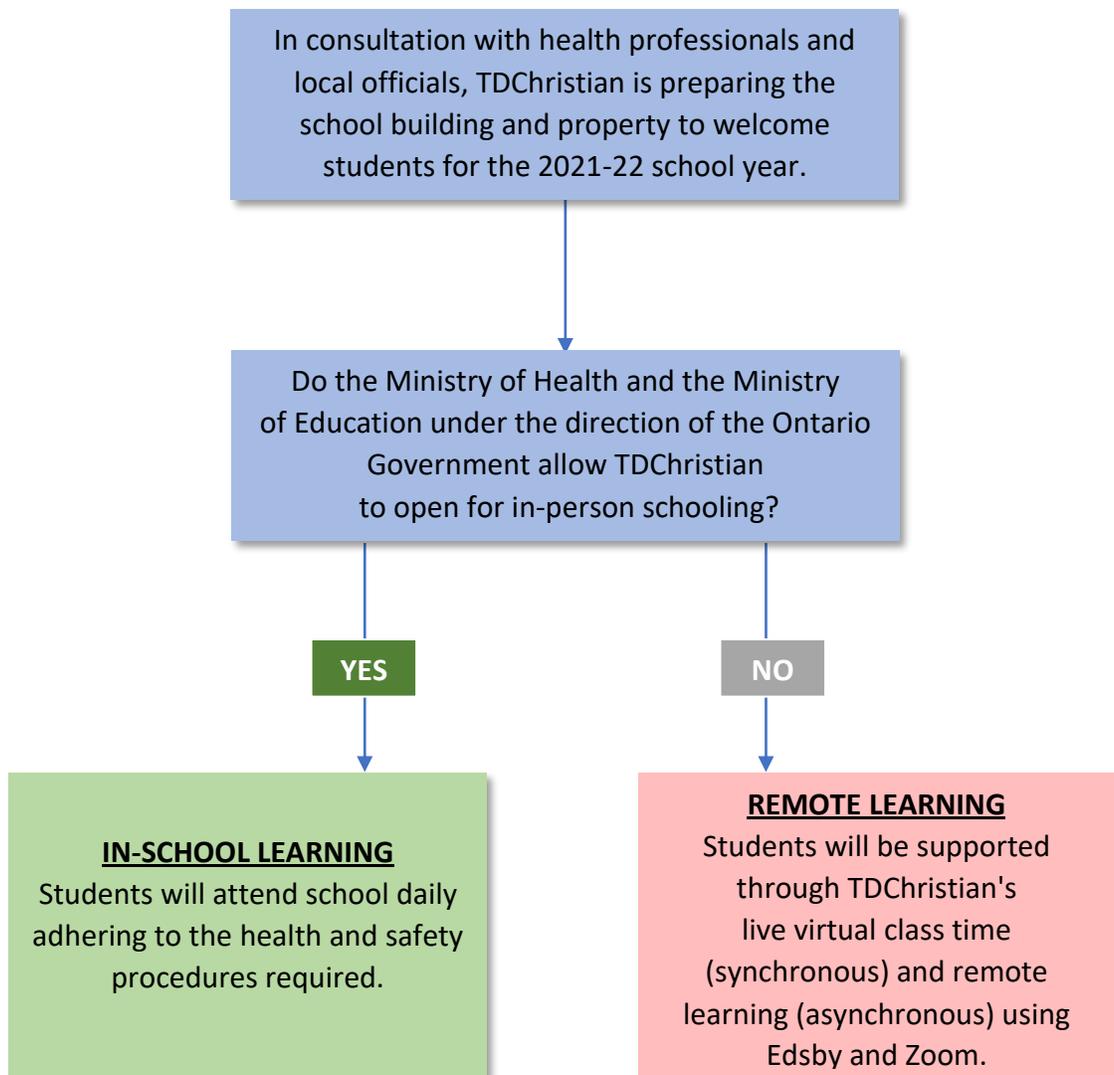


Return to School Plan

TDChristian High School, August 2021

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 to learn for service in the light of God's Word. We acknowledge that returning (again) to daily in-person learning requires flexibility as we prioritize the health and safety of everyone in our community. Below is a simple flow chart that indicates how we will faithfully and prayerfully operate in response to the present Ontario government guidelines for schools.



In-School Learning

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to affect the way that we live and move in the world. While we have learned much about the coronavirus in the past year, we continue to learn more; we must as we deal with variants. At TDChristian, we will adjust as new information becomes available and make judgements that we believe are in the best interests of ***our students learning safely at school*** beginning on Tuesday, September 7. Below are items we believe will help us achieve that goal. The one constant is our hope and faith in God, the Sustainer of all things and the Giver of all good things.

Prior to Coming to School: Students, staff members, and visitors will need to perform a self-screen everyday before coming to school (see <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> for the latest school screening information – posted August 10, 2021). Anyone showing symptoms or believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 must 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, 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.

Break times: During longer periods, breaks will be staggered to prevent congestion in the halls and washrooms. Between shorter periods, breaks will occur at one time but staff will be monitoring the hallways and washrooms. More washrooms will also be available.

Washroom Facilities will be cleaned throughout the day by the custodial staff. Staff will monitor the flow the washrooms to make sure they are not overcrowded.

Lockers will be locked and unavailable until further notice to ensure maximum traffic flow in the halls. Students may bring their bags into the classrooms and keep them at their desks.

Hall Travel: Students and staff will be expected to keep moving in the hallways and follow directional traffic control arrows and patterns designed to honour physical distancing.

Classrooms will be set up to accommodate the number of students while maintaining as much space as possible. Rooms will be equipped with proper cleaning supplies so that desks and other common surfaces can be disinfected between uses.

Lunch: In September, to begin, students will be allowed to eat lunch throughout the school. During the warmer months we will strongly encourage students to eat outside to alleviate congestion in the school building. Students in Grade 11 and 12 will be permitted to leave campus at lunch. *Please note that we will monitor this and make changes as needed.*

Cafeteria: The school kitchen will be open for lunch. Our new foyer, we believe, will allow us to create a safe flow that will allow for pick up while maintaining 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 has been assessed and meet's the requirements of the back to school plans. Filters are changed on a consistent basis and the system runs during the required hours throughout the building.

Field Trips will be limited to the school day. We will determine if and when overnight trips may be possible given the number of COVID-19 cases and the advice provided by public health and other medical professionals.

Clubs and Other Activities will be offered for all students during Club periods three times a week. All health and safety protocols will be followed during these periods.

School Assemblies will be held monthly likely in the new Presentation Centre. For first semester, the largest gatherings will be by grade.

Classes in all subject areas will be offered this year, including band and choir. They will run with appropriate safety protocols in place. Class sizes will be similar to those prior to the pandemic. Students will be parts of various cohorts throughout the day depending on their courses.

Textbooks are primarily available electronically or online. For courses that require books, students will be given individual textbooks to use for the semester.

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.

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 past two school years.

Bus Transportation

TDChristian is working with Parkview, our busing provider, to ensure that all public health expectations and student wellbeing are maintained.

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 using the following provincial 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 grades or classes 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 and possibly for the entire school year.
- Windows will be open on the bus, weather permitting, to improve ventilation.

Digital Platforms and Programs

TDChristian uses the following to assist in communicating with one another and provide tools for students to manage and complete their own work. While important during in-person schooling, they are essential for learning remotely.



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, events and meetings. It is also be 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.*

Final Notes

✓ Flexibility and transparency are essential.

✓ Contact us with your questions or concerns.

✓ We will communicate regularly.

✓ You count on us! We count on you!

✓ By God's grace, we move forward with faith into 2021-22.

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