

# ROTHERGLEN SCHOOL

## Re-Opening Plan: 2021 / 2022 Oakville Primary Campus



*COVID-19: Health, Safety and Operational Information*



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# INTRODUCTION

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school for the 2021/2022 school year. This revised version of our Re-Opening Plan provides an update to all previous publications.

On August 3, 2021, the Ministry of Education published its operational guidelines for schools in Ontario for the upcoming school year. This document constituted a return to school direction issued by the Ministry of Education, approved by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the province. The Ministry further updated its Guidelines on February 10, 2022. The Ministry's updated ***COVID-19: Health, safety and operational guidance for schools (2021-2022)*** may be accessed online at this link: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/covid-19-health-safety-and-operational-guidance-schools-2021-2022>.

Rotherglen School has developed a Re-Opening Plan, which follows the guidelines established by the Ministry of Education and adheres to the following guiding principles:

- providing a safe and healthy school environment for students, teachers and staff;
- providing a consistently high-quality education;
- maintaining close communication with, and adhering to the advice of Ontario's Ministry of Health, local public health unit (PHU) and Ontario's Ministry of Education;
- respecting the opinions of our parent community;
- protecting the uniqueness and strength of our vibrant learning environment, putting our community first.

Our students in Casa to Grade 1 will attend school five days per week. Students will no longer be required to remain in cohorts.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, a great deal of care and attention has been put into assigning students to class cohorts, including:

- Male/female balance;
- All classes will represent a range of academic abilities;
- Current teacher feedback;
- Student friendships;
- Previous class placements;
- Social dynamics;
- Parent input on friendships/classmates.

**Given the logistics of creating cohorts for the upcoming school year, we will be unable to make any changes to our class lists. We thank parents in advance for their understanding in this matter.**

We have put a tremendous effort into making the in-person experience for our students and faculty as safe as possible. In July, the school implemented a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for all staff, including teachers, administration, and maintenance workers. Rotherglen School ***highly recommends*** vaccination for all eligible individuals.

Our staff has received comprehensive training on health and safety protocols, as well as professional development to support student well-being and mental health. We have additional cleaning staff to enhance the cleaning and sanitization of our school facility throughout the school day, and deep cleaning at the end of each day. We have the advantage of having dedicated private washrooms for each cohort, as well as one student washroom in the hallway that can only be used one at a time and with the supervision of staff members. We also have secondary hand washing facilities within the main area of each classroom. Both the washroom sinks and the classroom sinks are fitted with touch-free faucets and soap dispensers.

An ongoing investment has been made in professional development training for our teachers in Google Suite for Education and SMART Board software, and in technology for the classroom so that we are fully equipped to support student learning. Professional development for teachers to support student and faculty mental health, as well as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion workshops has also been made a priority.

As a condition of enrollment/re-enrollment, parents were required to acknowledge their understanding of our Re-Opening Plan and agree to comply with the School's Re-Opening Plan within the terms of our enrollment/re-enrollment agreement. Over the coming school year, we anticipate that additional guidance from the Ministry will require further revisions to our Re-Opening Plan document. It will be important that families carefully review any and all communication from the school, to ensure their understanding and compliance with any new measures and/or direction put in place.

Please take the time to carefully read through this Re-opening Plan. As parents, it is important that you understand our planning. Parents will also play an important role in keeping our community healthy with a strong commitment to daily screening of their children before coming to school.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with a member of our leadership team, listed below.

Sincerely,



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# ACADEMIC OPTIONS

There are two potential options for learning that families may choose for their child(ren), for the 2021/2022 school year.

## **Option 1: Learning in the Classroom**

Students in Casa to Grade 1 will attend school for in-person learning five days a week, with the careful implementation of additional health and safety measures. The decision for a student to return to learning on campus is at the discretion of the parent/guardian of the child.

In the event of a government mandate resulting in school closures, students learning in person will transition to our Learn@Home program.

## **Option 2: Learning at Home**

Parents may opt for their child to learn at home through our Rotherglen Learn@Home programming. In this model, a student will have an opportunity to join their classmates during in-class instruction (synchronous learning). Learning in this model will also consist of video lessons, Google Classroom assignments, and asynchronous learning. Cameras have been installed in all of our classrooms to facilitate learning at home.

Students enrolled in Rotherglen's Learn@Home program will be required to commit to learning from home for a period of one month (e.g., month of September, month of October). Prior to the beginning of each month, parents will be required to submit their notice for their child to learn via the Learn@Home program. Parents who wish to register their children for the Learn@Home program for the month of September may do so at this link: <https://fm.rotherglen.com/fmi/webd/LFH?homeurl=https://rotherglen.com>.

Students who are required to be excluded from in-person learning due to a public health directive, such as a COVID-19 diagnosis or a need to isolate, will join Rotherglen's Learn@Home program. The school will communicate with the family during this period of time, and will advise when a student can return to school once cleared by public health.

On occasion, students will have an appointment/extra curricular activity that takes them away from in-person learning for part of the school day. In these cases, students will not be permitted to access the Learn@Home program when they are away from the school. Our Learn@Home program is not intended to facilitate vacation time, outside of the school's scheduled vacation time.

# PROTECTIVE STRATEGIES

Rotherglen School will employ multiple protective strategies and a layering of controls to support healthier and safer environments for students and staff as detailed below. There is not one specific measure that will prevent transmission from occurring in schools. However, there are multiple structural and individual elements that contribute to making schools healthier spaces and reduce the risk of infection to in-person attendees.

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Policy**

Widespread vaccination is critical to stopping the spread of COVID-19, building immunity in Ontario and protecting school communities. Rotherglen School's Mandatory Employee Vaccination Policy requires that all staff, faculty, and maintenance staff working in the school provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Health Canada has approved vaccines for children and youth aged 5 years and older. We highly recommend vaccination for all eligible Rotherglen School students in this age category.

## **Vaccination Status of Students**

Parents are asked to share their child's vaccination status with our school nurse, to ensure their child's records are up to date. Please email our school office at: [primary@rotherglen.com](mailto:primary@rotherglen.com) to share this information.

## Self-screening

All staff, students and visitors to the school will be required to perform a daily health screening at home, before attending school. The online self-assessment tool provided by the Government of Ontario can be accessed at this link: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

Any staff, student or visitor that does not pass the screening should not attend school and must follow the “Next Steps” listed on the Ontario government screening tool. Parents are asked to inform the school if their child(ren) will be absent/arrive late, via Edsby. Alternatively, parents may call the school’s absence/late arrival notification line at: 905-338-3528 ext. 5. If your child will be absent due to illness, please ensure you select this option from the drop-down list in Edsby and list his/her symptoms, so that we can effectively monitor trends in the health of our community.

## Masks

Effective March 21, 2022, the Province of Ontario lifted its Mask mandate. The wearing of a mask at the School will be optional. While masking will no longer be required for most students, staff, and visitors in schools, masks will be required in certain circumstances such as:

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and have completed a minimum of 5 days of isolation can return to school but will be required to mask until Day 10.
- Close contacts and household contacts of individuals with COVID-19 who do not have to isolate are required to wear a mask for 10 days after exposure.
- Individuals who have recently traveled outside of Canada, have to wear a mask for 14 days upon return.

Please note that **Rotherglen School strongly recommends that staff and students continue to wear a face mask at this time.** Wearing a mask is an effective public health measure for reducing the spread of COVID-19, and many students and staff may choose to continue to wear masks when at school depending on their own risk, the risk of those close to them, vaccination status, and comfort level. We will continue to provide personal protective equipment, including medical and N95 masks, face shields, and glasses for staff members, and masks will also be available for students. **Our community will support individuals who choose to continue wearing a mask, and equally support those who opt not to wear a mask.**

## Staff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Rotherglen School will continue to provide personal protective equipment, including medical and N95 masks, face shields, and glasses for staff members who wish to continue to wear PPE.

## Cohorting

Effective March 21, 2022, the Province of Ontario lifted the requirement for cohorting and distancing in schools in Ontario. Students will be permitted play and learn together across cohorts, classes, and grades, both indoors and outdoors and during lunch and recess.

## Hand Hygiene

Appropriate hand hygiene is one of the most important protective strategies. All staff, faculty and students will be expected to practice regular hand washing throughout the school day. Students will be trained on appropriate hand hygiene, both with soap and water, and with the use of alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR). Age-appropriate posters or signage has been placed throughout the school. Families may wish to refer to Public Health Ontario's How to Wash Your Hands fact sheet, posted online at <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/factsheet-covid-19-hand-hygiene.pdf?la=en>.

Throughout the day, regular hand hygiene breaks will be scheduled. This will include but is not limited to:

- upon entering the school building;
- entering/exiting classroom;



- prior to/after eating;
- after washroom breaks; and
- after coughing, sneezing, and blowing one's nose.

### **Distancing and Congregating**

Effective March 21, 2022, the Province of Ontario lifted the requirement for physical distancing in schools in Ontario. Students will be permitted to play and learn together across cohorts, classes, and grades, both indoors and outdoors and during lunch and recess.

### **Plexiglass Barriers**

Plexiglass barriers are in place in our reception area, in our student Isolation Area, and in staff/student workstations used for one-on-one sessions.

### **Hand Washing Stations & Washroom Facilities**

Each classroom is equipped with a dedicated private washroom including toilet and hand washing station, as well as a secondary hand washing facility within the room. Both the washroom sinks and the classroom sinks are fitted with touch-free faucets and soap dispensers. Our campus is also equipped with an additional hallway washroom that can only be used one at a time under staff supervision.

Individual students always have access to washrooms as needed. The school washrooms will be cleaned frequently and custodial staff will ensure that there is an adequate supply of soap at all times. A daily cleaning log will be posted outside of all washrooms.

### **Travel Guidelines**

If you travel, there may be rules you have to follow before you leave, when you get to your destination, and when you return. If you are leaving Ontario, make sure that you learn about the rules at your final destination from local authorities, including local public health measures, before your trip.

#### **Travel within Canada**

There are currently no restrictions on travel within Canada.

#### **Travel outside of Canada**

The Federal Government continues to publish updated requirements for individuals who return after travel outside of Canada at this link: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>. Specific requirements and exemptions for children can be found online at this link: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions>

Of particular importance is the requirement for travellers to wear a face mask for 14 days in all public spaces, including schools, after returning from international travel. This Federal mandate supersedes the Provincial updates concerning masking, coming into effect on March 21, 2022. **If you have travelled internationally, please ensure your child wears a mask to school during the 14 day period following your return to Canada.**

We ask that families carefully review the information linked above, to determine when their children may attend school in-person after returning from travel, so that we can ensure your understanding and compliance with these important protective strategies. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse at: [nurse@rotherglen.com](mailto:nurse@rotherglen.com)

### **Parent Responsibilities**

As a condition of enrollment/re-enrollment, parents were required to acknowledge their understanding of our Re-Opening Plan and agree to comply with the School's Re-Opening Plan within the terms of our enrollment/reenrollment agreement. Over the coming school year, we anticipate that additional guidance from the Ministry will require further revisions to our Re-Opening Plan document. It will be important that families carefully review any and all communication from the school to ensure their understanding and compliance with any new measures and/or direction put in place.

The following is a list of required health strategies:

- Health screening will be performed at home each day for their child(ren), prior to leaving for school.
- Child(ren) will stay at home if feeling unwell.



- A plan is in place to pick up child(ren) immediately if they become ill while at school. This includes providing the school with the name and contact information of an alternate person authorized to collect the child(ren), in the case where the school is unable to reach a child's parents.
- Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 and who have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days, are presumed to have COVID-19 and should self-isolate immediately for a minimum of 5 days or until COVID-19 is ruled out by testing.
- Household members without symptoms of COVID-19 who live with a confirmed case or someone with symptoms, are no longer required to isolate if they:
  - are 17 or younger and have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, OR
  - are 18+ and have received three doses of COVID-19 vaccine, OR
  - have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and completed their isolation period.
- Complying with orders issued by Halton Public Health.

Detailed information on COVID-19 testing and isolation requirements is available on the Halton Region Public Health website at: [halton.ca/covid](https://halton.ca/covid)

### School Arrival and Dismissal

Student arrival & dismissal times are grouped by classes to alleviate vehicular congestion in our school driveway. A colour-coded dismissal card will be provided to students on the first day of school and we ask that parents display this card on their dashboard to ensure our dismissal process runs smoothly.

During our arrival/dismissal process:

- we will be using a drive through drop off and pick up system that will support social distancing;
- staff will be on hand to assist students;
- families with more than one child should drop off/pick up both children at the arrival and dismissal times of the eldest child;
- students will have a designated route to get to and from classrooms;
- visual cues and signage have been placed throughout the school building to guide safe distancing.

It is essential for parents to adhere to our published arrival and dismissal schedule (see below) to support our plan to maximize physical distancing.

### Arrival Schedule

<b>Room 5 - Ms. Ben Room 6 - Ms. O'Grady Room 7 - Ms. Husain</b>	<b>Room 2 - Ms. Samra Room 3 - Mrs. Andrade-Jarmasz</b>	<b>Room 1 - Mrs. Kuiperij Room 4 - Mrs. Edmonds</b>
<b>8:15 - 8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>8:30 - 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>8:45 - 9:00 a.m.</b>

### Dismissal Schedule

<b>Room 5 - Ms. Ben Room 6 - Ms. O'Grady Room 7 - Ms. Husain</b>	<b>Room 2 - Ms. Samra Room 3 - Mrs. Andrade-Jarmasz</b>	<b>Room 1 - Mrs. Kuiperij Room 4 - Mrs. Edmonds</b>
<b>3:15 - 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>3:30 - 3:45 p.m.</b>	<b>3:45 - 4:00 p.m.</b>

### Visual Cues/Signage

Visual cues and signage have been placed throughout the campus to remind students of good hand and respiratory hygiene practices. Directional signage has been placed to support the flow of our students in hallways and other high traffic areas.

### **Recess Breaks Outdoors**

Students will be required to perform hand-hygiene prior to and upon re-entry to the school from recess. Recess pod dividers have been removed from our playgrounds.

### **Shared Equipment at Recess**

Shared recess equipment (ie. soccer balls, basketballs, chalk, etc.) will be permitted and access to our outdoor play structures has been reinstated.

### **Inclement Weather Days**

In the event that inclement weather results in unsafe conditions for students and staff to attend school in-person, all students will learn via our Learn@Home program.

### **Cleaning and Disinfection Standards**

***The school has reviewed its cleaning protocols to ensure our current protocols meet current Public Health requirements.***

#### ***Cleaning Program***

The school has an enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocol, including:

- increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection;
- increased custodial staff;
- cleaning/sanitizing logs posted outside all washrooms;
- removal of items that present cleaning challenges, such as porous or soft items.

#### ***High Touch Surfaces***

Cleaning plus disinfection will take place at an increased frequency in all high touch areas. This includes washrooms (ie. toilet fixtures, faucets), doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, touch screens, push buttons, handrails, computers, photocopiers, etc.

#### ***Cleaning Products***

Our custodial staff will use only Health Canada approved cleaning and disinfectant products with a Drug Identification Number (DIN), in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

#### ***Daily Deep Cleaning***

The school will be deep cleaned at the end of each day, in preparation for the next school day. The school has invested in fogging machines to assist in this daily process.

#### ***Daily Cleaning where an individual is suspected of having COVID-19 at school***

- The school has established a protocol for the identification and communication of suspected/confirmed cases to administration and relevant staff, in order to identify contaminated areas and carry out cleaning and disinfection, and waste disposal.
- The use of disposable cleaning equipment, such as disposable wipes, will be employed when possible.

### **Shared Materials**

The use of shared materials within a classroom cohort will be permitted. Examples of shared materials include:

- classroom learning materials (books, manipulatives, and other resources);
- physical education equipment;
- Montessori materials.

## Shared Spaces

The use of shared spaces will be permitted. Examples of shared spaces include:

- Main Lobby

## Student Personal Belongings

The use of hallway coat areas will be reinstated for the 2021/2022 school year. Students will store their coats, shoes/boots, and belongings there.

## Water Stations

Our water fountain will be closed for the school year. In addition, our school undergoes scheduled professional water testing to ensure that the water in the classrooms meets or exceeds healthy standards for drinking water.

## Lunch Protocols

Students will wash their hands before and after eating, in a timeframe that prevents congestion in washrooms or at our hand washing stations.

With respect to eating and drinking at school, it is expected that:

- Staff and students will perform proper hand hygiene before and after eating;
- Students will be required to bring their own lunch and snacks to school, with no common food items;
- Students will not be permitted to share food with their classmates;
- No lunch deliveries will be permitted;
- Students will be required to bring their own drink bottle that is labeled, kept with them during the day and not shared.

Families are reminded to adhere to our Allergy Aware Policy, to safeguard those individuals in our community with life-threatening allergies. To provide a minimized allergen environment, we require the support and cooperation of parents/guardians, caregivers and the school community. For your reference, our Allergy Aware Policy is posted online at: <https://rotherglen.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/21-22-Allergy-Aware-Policy.pdf>.

## Food Programs

Our Hot Lunch provider, The Lunch Lady, will resume our hot lunch program for the 2021/2022 school year. As well, our Pizza and Sub lunch days will be reinstated for the upcoming school year, beginning in October.

## Birthday Celebrations

Parents will be permitted to send in a snack if they wish, to share with the class to celebrate their child's birthday. Our priority is the safety of all of our students, so food items must be nut-free. As well, all items must be individually packaged (ie. cupcake, individually wrapped cookie, individual cheese and cracker package, etc.). We remind families and their caregivers to closely review and strictly adhere to our Allergy Aware Policy, when bringing food items to share at school. Kindly review the Allergy Aware Policy, posted online at this link: <https://rotherglen.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/21-22-Allergy-Aware-Policy.pdf>. **Do not send in candy, toys, or loot bags on birthdays or special occasions.** Reach out to the school if you require clarification.

## Grade 1 Field Trips

Day trips will resume, but will at times be replaced by virtual tours. Day trips will adhere to all relevant provincial requirements under the Reopening Ontario Act. Booking availability of our regular field trip destinations may prove difficult given demand, however, every effort will be made to provide opportunity for excursions.

## Parents/Guardians on Campus

To ensure the overall health and safety of our community, we will continue to limit parent access to the school building. At this time, meetings between parents and teachers will remain virtual, using Google Meets.

## **Visitors to the School**

We will continue to limit visitors to the school to essential visitors only. Where possible, work required by trades will be done after school hours and/or on weekends. Essential visitors will be required to submit a COVID-19 screening.

## **Parent Volunteers**

Volunteers are welcome in the school to assist with scheduled activities. Approved volunteers are required to:

- submit a current Police Check, and
- submit a signed declaration to the office, and
- submit proof of health screening, taken prior to entering the school.

# **MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 IN SCHOOL**

Any student or staff member who develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be immediately separated from others, and brought to our School Office until they are able to go home. Isolated students will be provided a face mask and remain supervised until collected from the School. This area will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

A poster has been placed in each classroom for students and staff to reference, outlining the steps to take if they become unwell while at school.

Parents will be required to provide the name of an alternate person who will be available to come to the school to collect their child(ren), in the event we are unable to reach either parent. It is essential this alternate person is readily available for student pick up. Close contacts living in the same home as the unwell child (ie. siblings) must also be picked up to be monitored for symptoms at home.

All school staff members received training on outbreak management procedures, prior to the beginning of the school year.

## **School Isolation Area**

Should a student or staff member become ill while at school, the individual will wait in our dedicated Isolation Area. Staff will monitor the individual and PPE will be available.

The Isolation Area will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.

# **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

Effective March 21, 2022, students may travel by bus for field trips. Although the province has lifted its masking mandate, mask wearing will be strongly encouraged.

## **Hand Hygiene**

Rotherglen students will perform Hand hygiene prior to boarding and when leaving the bus.

## **Assigned Seats**

Assigned seating will no longer be required.

# **VENTILATION**

Our filters have been updated for our HVAC system to MERV 13 filters. Filters will be cleaned and changed every 30 days, throughout the building. This maintenance schedule exceeds the recommended filter replacement frequency of 60-90 days.

Throughout the building, we have ensured that window screens have been repaired/replaced in each of our classrooms, to safely support the opening of windows for increased ventilation in the classrooms.

# MENTAL HEALTH AND STUDENT SUPPORTS

## *Student Mental Health*

As we enter the upcoming school year, a strong focus on the mental health and well-being of our students and staff will continue to be a priority. As research has demonstrated, good mental health is fundamental to a student's ability to learn. This will remain at the forefront of our programming and classroom practices.

Through ongoing professional development, workshops and open dialogue, our staff will continue to enhance their own knowledge and understanding of mental health and well-being, in order to be positive role models for their students, and to support their students with their own understanding. Through the daily integration of Social Emotional Learning skills, students will continue to explore:

- Ways to build positive relationships and how to communicate effectively;
- How to identify difficult feelings and emotions and ways to manage them;
- Learn to recognize the signs of stress and strategies to cope with challenges;
- Develop an understanding of stigma and how to manage it;
- Ways to develop and maintain a positive mindset and motivation;
- Develop self-awareness and a sense of identity;
- Foster a sense of inclusiveness and belonging.

Students will learn about their own well-being through age appropriate presentations lead by professionals in the field that focus on:

- Feeling settled in an unsettled world;
- Dealing with difficult emotions or feelings and self-regulation strategies;
- Building self-confidence and self-worth;
- What to do and where to go when you are struggling or dealing with difficult situations.

Teachers are uniquely positioned to notice when a student is not doing well or things are not going quite right for them. Through open dialogue, students build a sense of trust with their teachers and are able to learn about the aspects of their own well-being and gain the necessary support that is needed. Returning to school in September is an exciting time for students, but following a year of online learning, some may have hesitations, or lack a degree of confidence. Teachers will be sensitive to these emotions as they start the year and build community within the class. If and when academic gaps are observed, this information will be shared in a timely manner with parents and a plan will be put in place.

## SPECIFIC ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & REQUIREMENTS

Students will remain in their cohort and Specialty Teachers move from class to class.

### **Outdoor Learning**

While the weather remains favourable, teachers will be encouraged to take their students outside for learning. The age of students and course of study will influence the number of times a teacher may choose to take his/her class outside for learning.

### **CAT4 Testing**

CAT4 testing will be administered this year to students in Grade 1, provided students remain learning in-person.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE PROGRAMS

Enrollment in both the before and/or after school program will require confirmed attendance for the year. To manage the number of students assigned to a before/after school care teacher, we are unable to allow for drop-in usage of these programs.

# PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SAFETY

## Medical Conditions

Students with prevalent medical conditions (Anaphylaxis, Asthma, Diabetes, etc.) are required to submit their treatment plans for 2021/2022 to the office, prior to the start of the school year. Some students may need to visit their health care provider to ascertain if any changes are required to the treatment plan and to discuss whether the student may be facing additional risks, given the current COVID-19 conditions.

## Emergency Procedures

Regularly scheduled Fire Drills and Lockdown/Hold & Secure drills will be reinstated for the 2021/2022 school year, with health and safety guidelines in place.

# STUDENT SUPPLIES

## Bring Your Own Device Program - Grade 1

It is recommended that all students in Grade 1 be equipped with a personal device (laptop/Chromebook) to support their learning. While our focus will continue to be on having our students work actively with classroom materials, we feel that having a device available will allow them the opportunity to learn seamlessly in the classroom or at home as well as further prepare them for a technologically involved future. The reality of technology being a requirement for learning, will continue to be a factor in each of the academic options in September and we want our students to be well prepared.

We will continue to use Google Suite for education to support the delivery of our academic programming. Given that we use a web-based platform for learning, and our communication hub, Edsby, is available via the internet, the specifications for a device are minimal. However, to ensure student personal devices are compatible with the various tools needed throughout the school year, including Google Classroom, Google Meet, Google Drive, Google Docs, etc., as well as various Android apps, our IT Department has put together the device recommendations for your reference, at this link: <https://rotherglen.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/21-22-BYOD.pdf>.

This information is meant to serve as a guide for parents as you determine whether your child has access to an existing device.

## School Uniform Policy

The full Rotherglen School uniform will be reinstated for the 2021/2022 school year. Students will be required to wear their school uniform while learning on campus. Our Uniform Policy and Guidelines are posted online at this link: <https://rotherglen.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/21-22-Uniform-Policy.pdf>.

A full listing of our Casa to Grade 1 Uniform Requirements is posted online at this link: <https://rotherglen.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/21-22-Uniform-Requirements-Casa-1-1.pdf>.

All uniform items are available exclusively through our uniform provider, DGN Kilters. To learn more and to book an appointment, please visit: <https://dgn-kilters.com/>.