



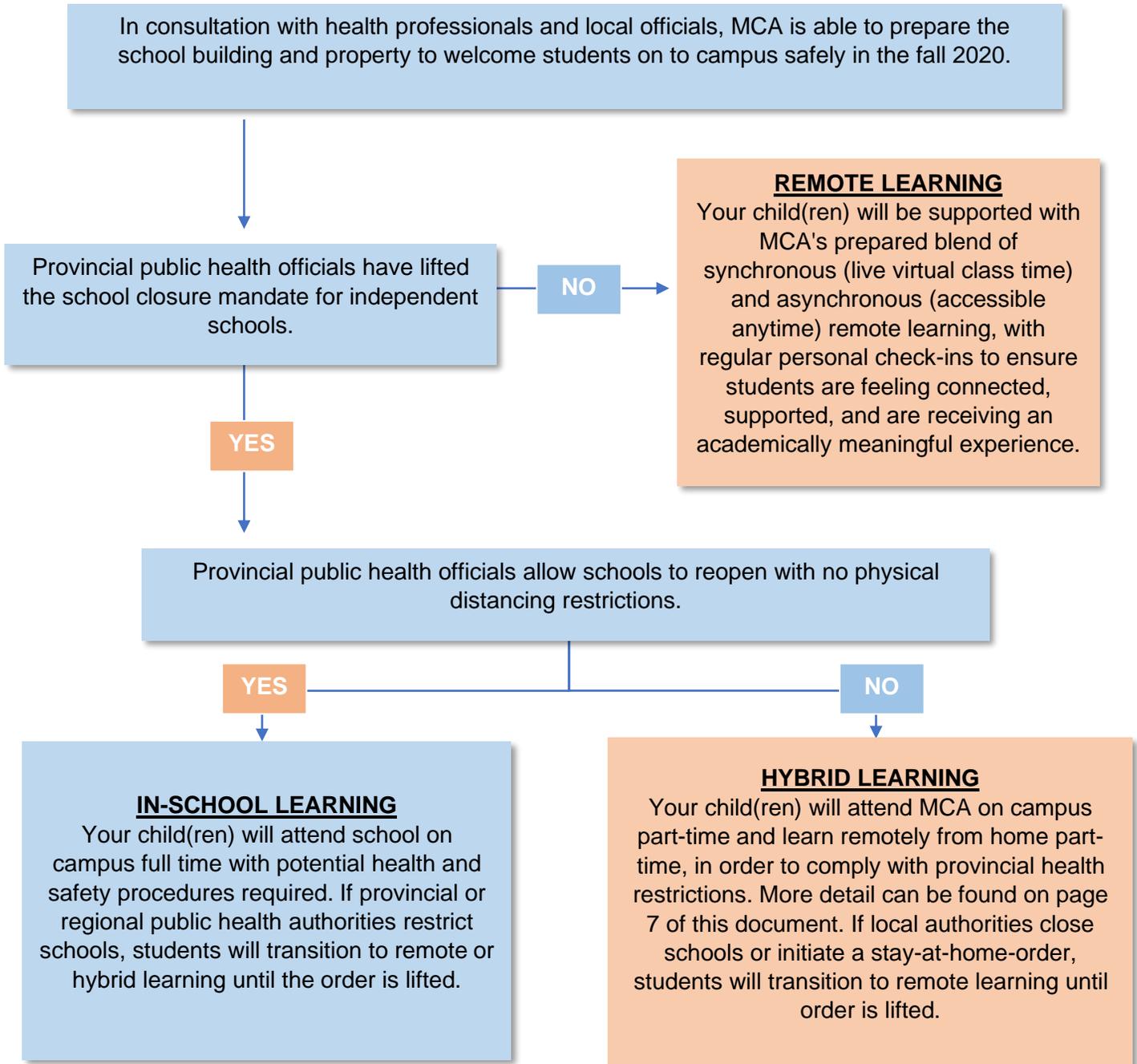
Return to MCA

Fall 2020



Return to School Planning

Mississauga Christian Academy staff look forward to learning in person with your children in September. However, we also need a return to school strategy that allows for flexibility, clarity, and prioritizes the health and safety of our community. The flow chart below reveals how MCA will be responsive to Ontario's "Approach to reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year and health policies throughout the year with three distinct models and structures for learning.



IN-SCHOOL LEARNING

MCA administration is preparing to welcome your child(ren) safely in September 2020. We will follow specific health precautions in accordance with our local health unit requirements. Specific decisions and plans regarding on campus modifications are being considered. As requirements and specific health guideline are announced by the province, we will provide you with plan for your child(ren) for both the hybrid and in-class learning models.

- ▶ Drop-off and pick-up times will **likely** remain the same.
- ▶ Athletics offerings and other extra-curriculars will be determined by public health recommendations and requirements.
- ▶ After school care will **likely** be offered for students in grades JK – 8.

Responding to Mandated Health Requirements

Following the recommendations from public health and local officials, MCA is preparing for any potential interruption to on campus learning. In the event our local community is mandated to implement health restrictions, MCA is prepared to shift to remote or hybrid learning.



HYBRID LEARNING

MCA is preparing for the possibility of a hybrid learning model, if physical restrictions on student capacity are required by public health. In this model, students will attend school on a flexible attendance schedule and/or by utilizing non-classroom spaces for learning.

When students are on campus, we will maintain our commitment to supporting children while honouring specific health precautions in accordance with our local health unit requirements, such as creating learning cohorts of students.

- ▶ Drop-off and pick-up times will **likely** remain the same.
- ▶ Students within the same family will attend school on the same day as their siblings.
- ▶ Athletics programs and other extra-curriculars **likely** will not be offered.
- ▶ After school programming **likely** will not be offered.

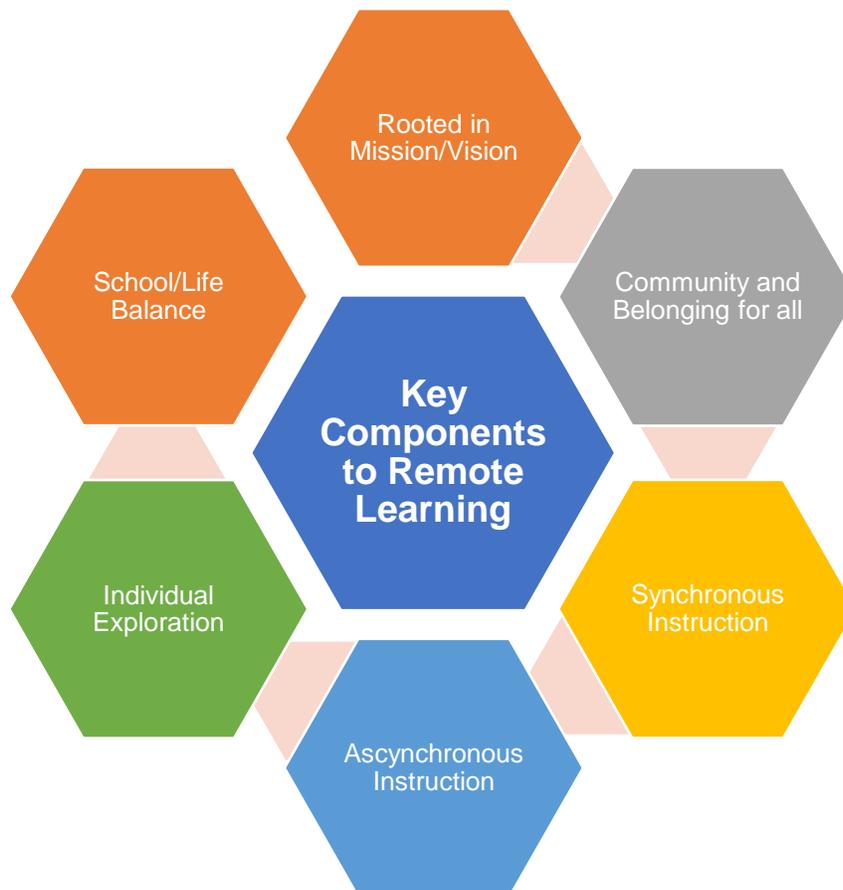
Responding to Mandated Health Requirements

Following the recommendations from public health and local officials, MCA is preparing for any potential changes to learning. In the event our local community is mandated to implement health restrictions or health restrictions are lifted, MCA is prepared to shift to remote or in-school learning.

REMOTE LEARNING

MCA will be prepared to offer remote learning if the school building is required to be closed. Our remote learning plans will incorporate the best practices learned from our experience since mid-March 2020.

In this model, we continue to educate the whole child from Biblical perspective while prioritizing the core literacy and numeracy skills, encourage the pursuit of individual passions, character formation and provide opportunities for social interaction and collaboration. MCA's remote learning model blends synchronous (live) instruction with asynchronous (accessible anytime) instruction with a schedule intentionally designed to provide school/life balance. The school's digital platforms will be the core method of communicating clear learning plans (see page 6).



Digital Platforms

For consistency and flexibility in all three models, MCA will use the following digital platforms for communicating with parents and students daily and weekly learning plans, and for students to manage their own work.



Seesaw

For students in JK - Grade 5, SeeSaw will be your online platform for viewing video lessons and uploading your student's documentation of work (pictures, videos, etc) and for teachers to celebrate your child's learning.



Google Classroom

All class assignments, videos, and announcements for Grade 5-8 students will continue to be shared and accessed in Google Classroom.



Google Meets

Google Meets is our primary platform for live (synchronous) instruction. Google Hangout/Meets can be joined directly from the calendar invite sent from your child(ren)'s teacher and from Google Classroom.



Zoom

Zoom is a video conferencing platform that will be used for MCA assemblies, membership meetings, and town hall meetings. It can also be used to provide live (synchronous) virtual class meeting space similar to the Google Meets/Hangouts.

Keeping Each Other Safe

Supporting Social/Emotional Student Wellbeing

The emotional wellbeing of your child(ren) is just as important to us as their academic success! In all three potential learning models, MCA remains committed to creating cultures wellness and support through the following ways:

- ▶ Creating opportunities for healthy student/student relationships, both in person and virtually
- ▶ Personalizing student support with regular check-ins with both students and parents
- ▶ Morning meetings and class circles where students feel known and accepted
- ▶ Balancing health requirements with the human need for social connection and interaction

Your child(ren)'s physical health is also vitally important to us. As we pay attention to upcoming public health guidelines, we are developing structures and strategies in the following areas:

- ▶ Daily screening instructions for you and the school to identify symptomatic individuals
- ▶ Creatively using non-classroom space for learning, to facilitate physical distancing
- ▶ Focus on hand hygiene throughout the day and during transitions
- ▶ Minimal physical contact between teachers and students, where practical
- ▶ Increased cleaning and sanitization of classrooms, bathrooms, playground equipment, and common spaces
- ▶ Virtual large group gatherings for assemblies and chapels from home and classrooms
- ▶ Managing traffic flow throughout building to avoid congestion
- ▶ "Cohorting" of students into smaller groups
- ▶ Limiting number of children in washrooms
- ▶ Changes to campus access for parents and visitors

Bus Transportation

MCA knows that safety and student well being matters not only at school but also in transportation. We are working with our bussing providers 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) for both the hybrid and in-class learning models.



Questions? Feedback?

Flexibility and transparency is of the utmost importance, and we want to encourage you to contact our team if you have any questions or concerns about how we are serving your family. MCA is here to not only provide a sense of continuity of learning for your child(ren), but also to provide a strong and safe community for your entire family.

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SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a school-wide Town Hall Meeting which will be announced on our website to hear more detailed plans for your child(ren)'s return to school in September.

You will receive an invite via email with details to join.