

5 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING FOR SOCIALLY DISTANT CLASSROOMS:

Transition



Attitude

Positive attitude is key in times of transition. If you see the changes as an opportunity and not a risk or a threat, you approach the tasks at hand with a solution oriented mindset and grow from the experience.

How can you support yourself, your team and community in fostering a positive mindset when working towards reopening the school?



Knowledge

Do your homework - research, read and reflect on what other schools are doing, read up on the psychology of change to be better prepared for the upcoming transition.

Who can you team up with to share research, findings and reflect on the implications for your school/classroom?

Collaboration and communication

In times of change and transition clear and goal/purpose oriented communication is essential. Individuals and teams need to know why the transition is occurring, what its timeline is and end-goal, and how they will be involved and supported throughout the process.

When and how will you communicate your transition intentions to your parent/teacher/student community?

What is the end goal of your transition?

How will you support your school community throughout transition?



Timeline

Every transition takes time. To inspire calm and positive attitude towards any transition, ample information needs to be shared and enough time given to parents, teachers and students.

How will you decide on the length of your school's transition timeline?

What factors do you need to consider to decide on the length of your transition timeline?



New Routine

The new normal/socially distant school guidelines and practices will form a new school routine. Just like with any new model this will need to be constantly reflected and fed-back on by all stakeholders, so as to adapt it to best suit your community needs and support everyone's health and well being.

How will you communicate the new routines with parents, teachers and students?

How will you engage the stakeholders in reflecting on the new routine?



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