



On Friday, September 4, the following information was provided along with a message to families of elementary students by their school principal. See below for a general version of the information.

**Important Information – Please Translate**

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### **Important Information: Returning to in-person instruction**

The following information was provided to families who intend to have their child return to in-person instruction in September. Families who selected one of the other three options will receive information specific to their choice on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Please ensure you carefully read the information below in its entirety. It includes important health and safety information, the schedule for September 8 – 14 and the schedule for student health and safety orientations.

As in June, school staff will continue to:

- Encourage frequent hand washing
- Maximize physical distancing
- Minimize physical contact
- Ensure additional cleaning measures are in place

In September, there are a few new health and safety measures to note:

- Organizing of learning groups
- Signed health check protocol/checklist confirmation
- Re-usable masks will be provided for staff and students (2 per student)

Below are key requirements that all students and families must be aware of and adhere to while attending in-class instruction.

### **Conduct daily self-assessments:**

On a one-time basis, parents/guardians will be **required** to submit a checklist to the school confirming they understand:

- 1) how to do the daily health assessment
- 2) that this health assessment/check must be done daily



3) they must keep their child(ren) home if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are ill, and must seek the advice of a health care professional.

Please bring a signed copy of this checklist to the orientation session.

**If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms:**

Parents/guardians must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a healthcare provider to exclude COVID-19 and their symptoms have resolved.

**If your child becomes ill while at school:**

As directed by health authorities, any child experiencing COVID-19-like symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room. They will be supervised and supported by staff until they are picked-up by a parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school has current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Also, please ensure that you are always accessible by phone during the school day if your child is attending school, and, be prepared to pick-up your child(ren).

In addition, a student may **not** attend school if:

- they have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days
- they have any symptoms of COVID-19, even if those symptoms are minor
- they are a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19

To help maintain a healthy learning environment, staff and students are reminded to practise good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing and sneezing into your sleeve).

**Please review this important information with your child on a regular basis.**

**Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette**

Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival each day, throughout the day (i.e. after using the washroom, moving from outdoors to indoors, mealtimes, etc.) and before leaving. Classrooms without sinks are supplied with hand sanitizer.

**Bringing in/use of personal materials**

We encourage students to bring their personal materials to minimize physical contact and use of shared materials. Please label your child's water bottle, supplies and everything they bring to school. **Only** water bottle filling stations will be available to refill bottles.

- Students will eat their lunch and snacks in their classrooms. Students are to bring their lunches and snacks to school in the morning. There will be **no** drop-off lunches or snacks accepted.

Please pack lunches that:

- do not need reheating
- are nut free
- children can eat independently

The use of shared materials, equipment and objects will be minimized at school.



### **Wearing a non-medical mask**

Wearing a mask is a personal choice for students in kindergarten to Grade 5. Students in grades 6/7 will be required to wear a mask if when they are outside of their learning group and when they are in high density areas where they are unable to maintain physical distancing. No child will be required to wear a mask if they cannot tolerate wearing one.

The Board of Education passed a motion encouraging all students and staff to wear a mask while at school.

### **Learning groups (cohorts)**

A learning group, also referred to as a cohort, is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout the school and who primarily interact with each other. In kindergarten to Grade 7, the maximum number in a learning group is 60 people (this includes students and staff). Students can socialize with peers in different learning groups if they are outdoors and can minimize physical contact or if they are indoors and can maintain physical distance. Information about your child's learning group will be shared when a teacher contacts you by September 9.

### **Health & safety orientation sessions**

The purpose of the orientation sessions is to familiarize students with new procedures. Your children will learn about:

- minimizing physical contact
- maximizing physical distancing
- entering and exiting the school
- using common areas
- learning groups
- recess / lunch procedures
- hand hygiene

### **Entering/exiting to the school and drop-off/pick-up times**

It is essential to be on time for your child's designated drop-off and pick-up schedule. Only authorized staff and students will be permitted to enter the school building unless by appointment with the school principal and for exceptional circumstances. The drop-off/pick-up time and location for your child(ren) will be shared by their teacher on September 9. To manage the flow of entry and exit into the building, please see the schedule below.

<b>September 8</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>September 14</b>
Staff report to school	Staff report to school	Health & safety orientation sessions for students	Health & safety orientation sessions for students	First full day of in-person instruction
	Teachers will contact families	Signed daily health assessment checklist submitted by families	Signed daily health assessment checklist submitted by families	First day of gradual entry for kindergarten students
	Confirmation of the option a			



	family selected will be sent to families			
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**Kindergarten gradual entry**

Schools will contact families during the week of September 8-12 about gradual entry details which begins on Monday, September 14. The first full day of instruction for kindergarten students is Monday, September 21.

Information about recess and lunch breaks, student drop-off and pick-up times as well as the school's schedule for student health and safety orientation was also provided to families in details sent by their children's schools.

Ensuring the health and safety of all students and staff is our top priority as we plan to welcome students to the 2020-2021 school year.