



Derrydown Public School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are all safe and well and have had an enjoyable summer under these unusual circumstances. We here at Derrydown Public School have been working hard, planning for the re-opening of our school as we prepare for the return of students both in person and virtually. I would like to bring some of the following information to your attention:

Registration:

If you have not received an e-mail or a phone call to register your child for either virtual or in-school learning, please contact the school as soon as possible. Parents and guardians with more than one child should have received one e-mail per child and a separate registration for each child.

First Day of Virtual Learning:

The first day of Virtual Learning will be Tuesday September 15. Students will be assigned to an online Homeroom. For more information please visit the TDSB website.

First Day of In-School:

The first day of school will be September 15 however the entry of all grades will be staggered over 3 days. Your child's entry date will be communicated to you prior to September 15th as plans become finalized.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

All students from Kindergarten to grade 5 are *required* to wear a face mask or protective face covering. **No student** will be allowed into the school without one.

Entering the School:

All students and adults entering the building will be asked to conduct a COVID-19 self-assessment on a daily basis. Each entry door will have a staff member to assist with the screening process.

Isolation Room:

An isolation room has been created for any student that becomes ill or shows signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The student will be monitored and remain in the room until a parent/guardian can be notified to take the student home IMMEDIATELY. Toronto Public Health would then be notified for additional next steps for the family and the school.

Classrooms:

Every effort will be made to arrange classroom furniture to leave as much space as possible between students. Sharing of materials will be limited and materials will be cleaned and disinfected as often as possible. Students will remain with their class and the same students all day. It is uncertain yet how many students will be in each classroom.

Recess and Lunch:

In order to maintain physical distancing and ensure proper hand washing/sanitizing, students will remain in their classrooms during lunch. Students can expect to see changes in the timing of recess, lunches and washroom breaks as they will be staggered to support physical distancing.

Water Fountains and Washrooms:

All water fountains will be closed and only the water bottle filling stations will be made available. Washroom schedules will be created and limited capacity will be indicated.

Movement Throughout the School:

Visual cues and signs have been posted throughout the school to reinforce safety protocols and indicate direction of traffic flow in hallways.

Field trips, Extracurricular Activities and Assemblies:

Field trips and extracurricular will not take place at this time. Assemblies will only be held virtually.

Parents and Guardians: Parents should not enter the school with students during entry time. If parents or guardians would like to speak to someone at the school, please call or email the school to make an appointment for a phone or virtual meeting.

We are all excited about being back at school but we acknowledge that for many students and families this can be a very emotional and stressful time. The TDSB and the staff at Derrydown are working hard to ensure that all measures are being put into place to ensure the safe return for all students. I will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Sherron Grant

Principal/Directrice