



Gledhill Public School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We want to welcome students and families back to another year of learning at Gledhill. To those families who are new to Gledhill, we are looking forward to engaging with you, although this will be through our protocols for health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare for the beginning of the new school year, there are many questions about what school learning will look like, and there are certainly, many details and challenges to be worked out. We are still awaiting clarity from the board around specific details in the plans for reopening, and we sincerely appreciate your patience as we put our plan together for a safe and positive school year. You can find more information about the board's plan for the return to school here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Return-to-School>. We will also be posting information about school reopening on our school website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/gledhill/Back-to-School-2020>. Information from our Parent Council can be found on the Gledhill Guardian at <https://gledhillguardian.com/>.

Recent important information of note:

1. Parents will be asked to decide whether their children will be attending school or whether they would like to enrol their children in remote learning through the TDSB Virtual School. The registration survey will be sent by email to parents on **Wednesday, August 26th** (deadline for completion is **Saturday, August 29th**).
2. As passed by the TDSB board of trustees, **all** students and staff at Gledhill are asked to wear a mask inside the school. (Except for students with medical exemptions). This aligns with Toronto Public Health recommendations.
3. School will begin on **Tuesday, September 15th**, with a staggered schedule throughout the week (meaning not all students will begin that day). More information will be sent to parents when it is available.

We want to assure you that we are working diligently on plans that will follow TDSB's plan for a safe reopening while also thinking about how we can create a welcoming environment for students who are coming back into the building. School is so important in our children's lives, not only for learning the "ABC's" but also for developing a sense of community and belonging. We will be reaching out in the coming days and weeks with more information specific to Gledhill and the school year.

We're looking forward to working together with you in partnership and will do whatever we can to make it a great year!

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