



Lambton-Kent Composite School

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We look forward to welcoming your child back to school for a safe start to the 2020-2021 school year. In order to support the successful transition back to school and assist students with learning school health and safety procedures and risk mitigation strategies, as well as to support school orientation for our incoming Grade 9 students, **classes for Grade 9 students will begin on Monday, September 14. The first day of classes for students in Grades 10 – 12 will be on Tuesday, September 15.**

We understand that many of the school procedures for the 2020-2021 school year will be new to students; however, we are committed to supporting safe and welcoming transitions to school for our students and families. In addition to supporting student learning, staff will help students become familiar with school and health and safety routines to reduce the opportunities for transmission of COVID-19.

The plan is a multi-layered approach with various safety measures to mitigate opportunities for the transmission of COVID-19. The implementation is a shared responsibility between Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) staff, local Public Health, family households, students and Chatham-Kent Lambton Administrative School Services (CLASS). By collectively implementing the plan, our schools will be safe for our students and staff.

Please refer to the *School Safety Protocols and the Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School* (attached) for more information.

Please note: Parents/guardians will have limited opportunities within the school year to switch their child's school experience between face-to-face instruction and Learn at Home instruction (or vice versa). Families must notify the school in advance and there may be a waiting period prior to their child's admission to school, depending on scheduling and availability of classroom space.

School Arrival

Student timetables will be emailed directly to secondary students. Please refer to your child's timetable for specific information regarding course scheduling and homeroom assignment. **Where possible, students should not arrive before 7:46 am.** Upon arrival at school, students will enter the school and go directly to their Period A class.

Students must be wearing masks to enter the school, unless otherwise exempted.

Please note: To maintain cohorts and contact tracing, parents/guardians will not be allowed to enter schools at this time, except in case of emergency or a pre-arranged appointment time. Parents/guardians of students requiring extra support to help get to class once safely at school should contact the school administrator.

If a student leaves school property during the school day (such as for a pre-scheduled appointment), the student will return to school the next day following the completion of the *Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School*.



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Screening

Parents/guardians are required to assess their children daily and report whether they are experiencing any signs of illness and are expected to keep them home if they are. Parents/guardians should refer to the *Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School* to perform daily screening of their children before arriving at school.

All students who are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required, including getting tested at a COVID-19 testing centre. The closest testing centre to our school is CKHA COVID-19 Assessment Centre, 47 Emma St. Chatham, ON.

Note: Refer to the School Safety Protocols and Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School for more information.

Student Transportation

CLASS is planning service for all eligible students; there is no need to register for busing. Go to <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/address-eligibility/> in order to confirm your eligibility for transportation. Students will be assigned a bus seat, be required to wear masks and will sit with their siblings or classroom cohort. Additional information is available on the CLASS Student Transportation website: <https://cklass.ca/services/student-transportation/>

Download the MySBI app for school bus updates during the school year, including school bus delays and weather cancellations.

Personal Student Items

Any personal items (e.g., backpack, clothing, water bottles, food, etc.) should be labeled and kept in an area designated for the student and should not be handled by other students.

Lunch and Food Services

Students will be required to bring their own food as cafeteria food services and self-serve vending machines will not be available.

Students will remain in their classroom to eat lunch and will not share food. The use of common spaces, such as cafeterias, libraries/learning commons and hallways, will not be available for students to eat lunch.

Students will not be permitted to leave the school premises for lunch.

Students should bring labelled refillable water bottles instead of accessing drinking fountains. If you do not have a refillable water bottle, please contact the school.



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Student Activity Fees

Student Activity Fees will be reduced for this school year.

In order to support physical distancing and minimize the handling of cash, families are encouraged to use SchoolCash Online. Visit the school website to learn more about SchoolCashOnline (click on the orange School Cash Online button).

Course Schedules

The school year will be divided into four blocks of approximately 44 days of instruction. Students will participate in one period per day, alternating weeks for two periods of their timetable, rather than the usual four periods per day over a full semester. In total, students will take eight courses per year in the quadmester approach, the same number of courses as in a traditional semestered approach.

Please note: Student timetables will be communicated directly to secondary students.

Quadmester 1 is tentatively set for September 8-November 13 (including exams). Students will participate for the full day in two classes – Course A and Course B – in alternating weeks, beginning with Course A the week of September 14.

Note: Should conditions change secondary scheduling may be revised.

Please refer to the [Reopening Our Schools](#) plan for the tentative quadmester dates and a schedule for Quadmester 1 courses.

Moving Between Learn at Home and Face-to-Face Instruction

Families wishing to transfer between face-to-face learning to Learn at Home or transfer from Learn at Home to face-to-face instruction must contact their principal according to the following timelines:

- Fall date: Families notify school by October 22. Student begins new program type on November 16.
- Winter date: Families notify school by January 12. Student begins new program type on February 3.
- Spring date: Families notify school by March 30. Student begins new program type on April 20.

Students moving between program delivery choice (i.e. face-to-face learning or Learn at Home) should anticipate changes in teacher(s). If space is available, the LKDSB will attempt to accommodate all requests sooner than the dates above; however, this will vary from school-to-school and grade-by-grade and may not be possible. Transportation delays may also occur.

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Special Education Staff Support

Teachers, Educational Assistants and other special education support staff essential for daily academic programming in the classroom will use personal protective equipment when physical distancing is not possible. Information about Special Education staff support is available in the [Reopening Our Schools](#) plan. Should you have any specific questions about your child, please follow-up with the school.

Individual Education Plan

Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Plan of Care for students will be reviewed and updated in consultation with families and school staff as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. Parents and guardians can expect to receive an updated IEP and/or Plan of Care. If parents and/or guardians have any questions or concerns, please contact our Resource Teacher Mrs. Amanda Leidl (519-683-4475).

Mental Health

As a result of the time away from the school setting, we understand that students may be struggling with mental health concerns, such as anxiety and depression. Families are encouraged to contact their school team to discuss their child's transition back to the school setting. For additional resources, please access information at:

<https://www.lkdsb.net/Board/Community/MentalHealth/>

Reopening Our Schools Plan

For additional information about the LKDSB's Reopening Our Schools Plan, please visit the [LKDSB website](#). Please communicate any relevant information with your child's emergency contacts.

We look forward to a safe and welcoming start to the 2020-2021 school year. Should you have any specific questions about your child, please contact the school at 519-683-4475.

Sincerely,

Jim Keane
Principal



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Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School

Do you, or your child attending school, have any of the following new or worsening symptoms?	Circle One	
Fever (37.8°C or greater)	YES	NO
New or worsening cough	YES	NO
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	YES	NO
Sore throat	YES	NO
Chills	YES	NO
Difficulty swallowing	YES	NO
Runny nose/nasal congestion (in absence of underlying reason for this such as seasonal allergies, post nasal drip, etc.)	YES	NO
Feeling unwell/fatigued/malaise	YES	NO
Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain	YES	NO
Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
Muscle/joint aches	YES	NO
Headache	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
Has your child, or anyone in the child's household, had close contact (face-to-face contact within two metres) with anyone with a respiratory illness or confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?	YES	NO
Has your child, or anyone in the child's household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days (excluding travel due to work, or other essential needs that did not require an overnight stay)?	YES	NO

- If you answered **NO** to all questions, your child may attend school.
- If you answered **YES** to any question, **DO NOT** send your child to school at this time. Your child should stay home. Complete the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/> to determine if medical care is required and if a COVID-19 test is needed. Your child may return to school as directed by a primary care provider.

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School Safety Protocols

The LKDSB's plan for the return to school in September will provide a safe launch to the upcoming school year and reduce the opportunities for transmission of COVID-19. The plans incorporate the most current information from the Ontario Ministry of Education, Public Health, consultation with LKDSB educators and education workers, and our communities.

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A vital required element of the Lambton Kent District School Board's COVID-19 Safety Plan is student self-screening. Parents/guardians should use the *Daily Screening Questionnaire for Parents/Guardians/Students Before Attending School* checklist to perform daily screening of your child, before your child arrives at school.

Safety Measures





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Students feeling sick should remain at home while waiting for test results. Public Health authorities will advise on individual return to school conditions and timelines for students.

Signs prompting self-assessment screening will be posted on the exterior doors of our schools.

Masking

Students in Grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear non-medical or cloth masks indoors in school, including in hallways and during classes. Outdoor times like recess can be used as opportunities to provide students with breaks from wearing masks as long as the students are organized to remain within their cohorts.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged but not required to wear masks in indoor spaces.

[Click here to watch a video to help students prepare to wear a mask at school.](#)

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Proper hand hygiene is one of the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of most respiratory viruses including COVID-19. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly, practice proper respiratory etiquette (such as sneezing into their elbow) and avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth.

Regularly scheduled hand hygiene breaks will be incorporated into the school's routine. Wall mounted and/or free-standing hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed at entrances and exits, and hallways. Additionally, sinks with soap and water are available in many classes. Signage will be placed at all sinks in schools to explain the steps for effective hand washing.

Physical Distancing

Students will be taught to maintain physical distancing from others whenever possible. We recognize that it may be difficult for some of our students who are younger or have special education needs. As directed by the Ministry of Education, students will maintain physical distancing of up to one metre, where possible. When physical distancing is not possible, multiple strategies including hand hygiene, masking, cohorting, and cleaning are in place to mitigate risk.

In addition to in-class safety measures, when students are not in their classrooms, efforts will be made to ensure that students maintain appropriate physical distancing.