



# News Release

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## **LKDSB Releases Updated Staggered Entry Safe Return to School Plans**

With the health and safety of students and staff as their top priorities, the Lambton Kent District School Board has updated its plans for the safe reopening of schools to further stagger the entry of students for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

The Ministry of Education has permitted school boards to allow for a staggered start to the school year. Staggered start means that students will begin a gradual return on different dates, which will allow more time to learn new school routines in smaller group settings, including health and safety procedures and risk mitigation strategies.

The staggered entry of students in elementary and secondary schools will provide staff with additional time to become more familiar with school health and safety routines and complete training to support a safe and healthy return to school. The staggered entry will also allow LKDSB to hire additional staff to lower class sizes in schools and support Learn at Home instruction.

Additional time is also required to reorganize staff and student schedules to support both in-class and Learn at Home instruction.

At the elementary level (Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8), the return to school will be phased in using a staggered approach beginning on Thursday, September 10. Junior Kindergarten students will return to school using a staggered approach beginning on Tuesday, September 15. All elementary school families will receive a communication from the school to indicate which dates the students will attend.

At the secondary level, Grade 9 students will return to school on Monday, September 14. Students in Grades 10-12 will begin on Tuesday, September 15.

The first day of school for all students participating in Learn at Home instruction is Monday, September 14.

The chart below summarizes the staggered entry safe return to school plans:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Secondary Schools</b>
Tuesday, September 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff preparing for safe arrival of student</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff preparing for safe arrival of students</li> </ul>
Wednesday, September 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff preparing for safe arrival of student</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff preparing for safe arrival of students</li> </ul>

Thursday, September 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome back to half of the student population from SK to Grade 8.</li> <li>• Schools will communicate to parents/guardians which students will attend school today.</li> <li>• All others remain at home.</li> <li>• JK students remain at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff preparing for safe arrival of students</li> </ul>
Friday, September 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome back to the second half of the student population from SK to Grade 8.</li> <li>• Schools will communicate to parents/guardians which students attend school today.</li> <li>• Students who attended yesterday remain at home.</li> <li>• JK students remain at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff preparing for safe arrival of students</li> </ul>
Monday, September 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance for students in SK to Grade 8.</li> <li>• JK students remain at home today.</li> <li>• Virtual Learn from Home begins today.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 9 students only attend today.</li> <li>• Grade 10 to 12 remain at home.</li> <li>• Virtual Learn from Home begins today.</li> </ul>
Tuesday, September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance for students in SK to Grade 8.</li> <li>• Half of the JK students attend today.</li> <li>• Schools will communicate with parents/guardians which JK students attend.</li> <li>• Other half of JK students remain at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance Grades 9 to 12</li> </ul>
Wednesday, September 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance for students in SK to Grade 8.</li> <li>• Second half of the JK students attend today.</li> <li>• Schools will communicate with parents/guardians which JK students attend.</li> <li>• JK students who attended yesterday remain at home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance Grades 9 to 12</li> </ul>
Thursday, September 17 and go forward.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance JK-8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full attendance Grades 9 to 12</li> </ul>

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