



# Queen Elizabeth II P.S. September Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

We are thrilled to be welcoming many of our families back to Queen Elizabeth this September and look forward to a time when all of our students can be together again. These remain unprecedented times, and although many procedures will and are changing, the dedication to our students remains the same. You will be receiving a lot of information in this newsletter and updates through Facebook as we work to keep everyone safe and in school.

## A Peek into our New Daily Routines

Students will remain within their classroom cohort to reduce the number of close contacts. In some cases, they will play outdoors with one other class and will remain paired with that class until further notice for outdoor recess only. The yard has been divided into three sections with each classroom (or paired classroom) assigned a specific area for recess. This will ensure a limited number of contacts between students daily. Bells have been added to ensure the transition from indoor to outdoor is smooth and congestion is reduced. Staff will be encouraging all students to appropriately physically distance from one another. Receiving the same message at home will help students to adapt to this new “normal.”

Handwashing and sanitizing will occur before entering and exiting the classroom, eating, during washroom breaks and before and after using shared classroom supplies.

In the classroom, desks have been spaced out to encourage physical distancing. Items that cannot be disinfected such as floor pillows have been removed and teachers have limited communal access to things like school supplies. Each classroom has been provided with their own class set of sports equipment for students to take outside during recess.

Washroom breaks for individual classes have been scheduled to reduce contact with other classes. Alternate washrooms will still be available for immediate use if necessary and capacity limits have been imposed when not with your classroom cohort.

The Learning Commons/Library has been closed until further notice but Library books will be provided to classroom teachers for in school use.

Physical distancing stickers have been placed on the floor at filling stations, bathrooms and in the office to ensure proper distancing measures are being followed. Also, spots have been painted where students line up to indicate where they should stand.

## **Arrival and Dismissal Routines**

Students should arrive no sooner than 8:40 and will go directly into their classrooms. There will be no outdoor play upon arrival, indoor supervision will be provided from 8:40-8:55. Students will be dismissed to their families outside at 3:15. Please do not enter the school for pick up.

## **Illness Protocol**

A checklist was sent home for families to complete with their child/children daily to ensure students who are sick are not sent to school. If a student presents with symptoms they should remain home and not return to school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours.

## **Breakfast Program**

The breakfast program will be Grab and Go this year with volunteers set up at various doors. Students will be encouraged to grab a bag with prepackaged nutritious items, such as a cheese string, cereal bar and a piece of fruit, on their way to their classrooms. A form will still be sent home to sign up your children for this program. This information will be shared with our Breakfast Program co-ordinator to ensure he knows how many students will be taking part. The Breakfast program will resume September 21, 2020.

## **Masks**

In order to reduce the risk of transmission, students in Grades 4-8 must wear a cloth face mask that seal around the nose and chin to school, gators and bandanas are not allowed. Masks are encouraged for our students in JK-3.

## **Lunch**

Due to new Covid restrictions, students are no longer allowed to leave for lunches. Please ensure all students bring their lunches and snacks to school in easy to open packages.

## **Waterbottles**

Please send labelled reusable water bottles with your child as the fountains are closed but filling stations are open.

## **Items from Home**

To reduce the possibility of transmission, we ask that you keep all toys and sports equipment at home. Classrooms have been provided with equipment, such as balls, for use at school.

## Visitors

Due to Covid restrictions, only essential visitors, staff and students will be permitted in the building at this time. If you have any concerns, please call the school and a meeting can be set up at an appropriate time if needed.

## Allergies

Just a reminder that we have staff or students allergic to shellfish, strawberries, nuts and scent sensitive. Please refrain from sending any of these items to school, including products with strawberries in them and hand sanitizers with strong scents.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 K-8 – A-L attend not Friday	11 K-8- M-Z attends
14 K-8 – all attend	15 JK-A-L -attend not Wednesday	16 JK – M-Z attend	17 JK-8 all attend	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30 Orange Shirt Day		

## Receiving School Newsletters

In the interest of making an effort to reduce the amount of paper used and in keeping with our School and Board wide movement towards increased use of technology to engage and connect, Queen Elizabeth will be moving away from the use of paper newsletters. We'd like to propose three methods of accessing our newsletter beginning in October. The first is by accessing them through a monthly email. Should you wish to receive an electronic copy and monthly email reminder *kindly sign up below and return the form to the school.*

Second, you may access the newsletter posted on our website each month. If you wish to receive the newsletter this way there is no action required on your part. You may continue to access the newsletter on our website:

<http://www.lkdsb.net/school/queenelizabethc/>

Last, should you wish to continue to receive paper copies *please fill in the form below and return.*

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My child's(ren's) name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to receive the newsletter by way of:

- Paper copy to be sent home with my youngest child's teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ OR
- Email sent to \_\_\_\_\_ (Email address)