



# Sir John Moore Community School

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School council will be meeting virtually on Tuesday, October 6 @ 5:30 pm. If you would like to join us, please email Carrielyn.Smith@lkdsb.net and you will be added to the virtual invite.

## DAILY COVID 19 SCREENING

The Ministry of Health has updated the daily screening tool for children in school and child care. Thank you for being so diligent on completing the assessment daily and following the recommendations. Guidelines have slightly changed as of October 1, 2020.

Please refer to the COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care document. Below is the link to the daily assessment that must be completed prior to attending school or child care.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

## TERRY FOX

Thank you to Ms. West, Mlle McLaughlin & Mlle Stewart for organizing our annual Terry Fox run. A huge shout out to our community for raising over \$1000 to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope.

**ATTENDANCE:** If your child will be late/absent please call the school to let us know to help us with our Safe Arrival Process of ensuring that all students are accounted for.

\*\*\* Please note that there is no longer an attendance text line.\*\*\*

## WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS SICK AT SCHOOL?

If you are unsure about what to do when your child is sick, please call Lambton Public Health. There is a new COVID 19 screener that was released for use on Friday, October 2 and Lambton Public Health is updating our local screen to reflect these changes.

## CHANGE OF LEARNING MODEL

There are opportunities throughout the year to change the learning model that best supports your families needs.

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.

## VIOLENT THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT

### To Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of Students in the Lambton Kent District School Board:

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors, and community members. When a student behaves inappropriately, principals will most often employ progressive discipline strategies to help a student take responsibility for their actions, learn from their mistakes, and make better choices in the future.

In more extreme cases however, when a student's behaviour poses a potential threat to their own or others' well-being, the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA) supports principals in taking further steps to safeguard everyone.

The VTRA protocol outlines how a school responds immediately to threatening incidents including but not limited to: possession of a weapon or replica weapon, bomb threat or plan, verbal or written (including electronic) threats to harm oneself or others, other threats of violence, and fire setting.

The initial response team is likely to include the Principal / Vice-Principal, police, and board staff. Should conditions warrant, a Community Threat Assessment Team will be convened. This community team includes representatives of community agencies who work with schools and boards to keep our students and staff safe, such as local police and children's mental health organizations.

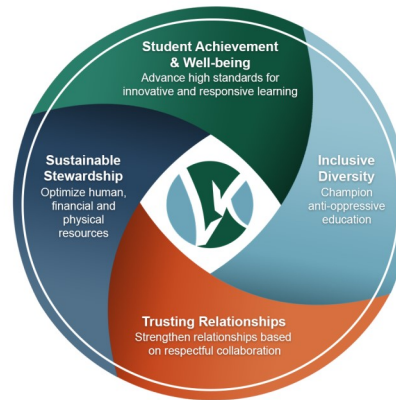
Parents and guardians will be notified if their child will be discussed through the Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol. If parents/guardians cannot be reached, or if they choose not to provide consent, but a concern for safety still exists due to threatening behaviour, the threat assessment may still proceed. Personal information shared throughout this process will respect and balance each individual's right to privacy with the need to ensure the safety of all.

As always, student safety is our first priority. This notification is being provided via avenues such as school newsletters, and school and board web sites as fair notice to parents and guardians of the existence of the VTRA Protocol and its application in situations warrant. If you have any questions regarding the Lambton Kent District School Board Community Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol, please contact your school principal as the first step.

**CELL PHONE USE:** Please be advised that cell phones are not permitted for use at school by students at any time. We recognize that many students carry cell phones and the expectation is that they are stored in their school bags or in a locked place within the classroom. ALL COMMUNICATION with home MUST go through the school phone system. If issues or concerns with cell phones arise, you will be contacted and students will no longer be permitted to bring them on school property or store them in their backpacks. We thank you in advance for your co operation in ensuring that we maintain the integrity of the learning environment.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:** If someone in your care attends the Y Program, which can be reached at 519-862-5071 X 221, you must notify their staff of any changes to the schedule. This cannot be done through the school office. The Aamjiwnaang Daycare, which can be reached at 519-344-5831, is offering both before- and after-school care for students with busing being provided to and from their facility.

### LKDSB STRATEGIC PRIOTITIES:



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VISION  
**Our Students -  
Shaping Our World**

MISSION  
**Fostering Success for  
Every Student Every Day**



### Share Your Concerns

The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing the best quality learning opportunities for all students. From time to time there may be a misunderstanding, a lack of communication, or a serious situation that needs to be addressed. When this happens everyone must work together to resolve the issue. If a parent/guardian has a concern about a school matter, the following steps should be followed to resolve the issue.

#### Concerns at School

- 1** Speak with your child's teacher
- 2** Speak with your child's Principal
- 3** Speak with the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of your school
- 4** Speak with your school Superintendent
- 5** Speak with the Director of Education

#### Concerns with the Board of Trustees

Concerns about a Trustee:  
Speak with the Chair of the Board

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Speak with the Director of Education

Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email [info@lkdsb.net](mailto:info@lkdsb.net).  
Learn more at [www.lkdsb.net](http://www.lkdsb.net)

If an individual has followed the steps outlined above and still does not feel the matter has been resolved at the local level, the individual may contact the office of the Ontario Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.on.ca](http://www.ombudsman.on.ca).

