



Sir John Moore Community School

BUS ZONE

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REMOTE LEARNING: Thank you, Miigwech, Merci to all of our families for reaching out for devices, logging in to classrooms and supporting each other as we go through remote learning. We expect to be returning to face to face learning on January 11th. Should this change, you would be notified by LKDSB through phone call or email by our school messenger system.

To prepare for a return to school it is important to review risk mitigation strategies set out by public health. Donning and doffing of masks, cohorting, physical distancing and hand hygiene will all be reviewed in classrooms on the first day of return. Families are reminded that sick students should not attend school. Please follow the provincial covid 19 daily screen each day. The screen will outline next steps for your child. <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

SCHOOL DEVICES: All devices that were just distributed the week of January 4th will need to be returned to the school on January 11th when we are face to face. These devices were taken from classrooms and will be used for your child the week of the 11th and then they will sit for 48 hours and redistributed back to their classrooms for use. Devices that were borrowed in the spring do not have to be returned at this time, but are welcome to come to school for student use, as we did in the fall. For questions about devices or device return please reach out to Mrs. Gower.

MASKS: We have had a number of bus driver reports indicating that students are not keeping their masks on while riding the bus. Please speak with your child and remind them that grade 4-8 must wear a mask on the bus and remain in their assigned seats.

WATER BOTTLES: A reminder that the water fountains are not open at school. Students must bring a water bottle and use the filling station. There has been a significant increase in the number of students without a water bottle. Please ensure that your child packs a water bottle each day.

SCHOOL ACCESS REMINDER: A reminder to families that when dropping off your child or forgotten items, please do not enter the school. The school is open to essential visitors only. When Mrs. Harrison or Mrs. Doran buzzes the door please only send your child in. If you are dropping something off, someone will meet you at the door. Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Kindergarten registration will take place on **Thursday, February 4, 2021 and Friday, February 5, 2021.** Please register online.

Is your child ready for
KINDERGARTEN?

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



February 4, from 4-7p.m. February 5, from 9a.m. - 3p.m.
www.lkdsb.net/kindergarten

Families must sign up for a 30-minute appointment on one of those days. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44AFAA23ABF58-kindergarten>

As a reminder, Sir John Moore Community School also offers a French Immersion program.

All new registrations require that the parent/guardian provides proof of residency (residential address) at the time of registration. This proof can be in the form of a utility or a property tax bill.

TERM 1 REPORT CARDS: Term 1 report cards and Kindergarten communication of learning will be sent home with students on **Friday, February 19, 2021.**

Please continue to communicate with teachers throughout the year on your child's progress.

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:

Winter date: Families notify school by JANUARY 12. Students will be notified of their new placements the end of January.

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).

STAFF UPDATES: We are very happy to welcome Mrs. Middleton back to SJM. She is returning into the intermediate resource/guidance/prep role.

We have not yet hired for the Grade 8 & 6/7 FI position but expect to do so the week of the 11th. Once a person has been hired into this position we will notify students and families. In the meantime, Mr. Rogers will be covering in this role.

SCHOOL BUS NOTIFICATIONS: Winter has arrived! Please take a moment to download the MySBI app from student transportation. This service will notify you of delays and cancellations for your school and specific buses.

LKDSB STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



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2020/21 - 2025/26

VISION
Our Students - Shaping Our World

MISSION
Fostering Success for Every Student Every Day



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.

CONCERNS: Have a concern? Please follow our concern resolution chart. As always we are here to support your child as best we can. We are willing to help in any way that we can and open communication is important.

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	Concerns about the Chair of the Board: Speak with the Director of Education
Not sure who to contact? Call 519-336-1500 or email info@lkdsb.net . Learn more at www.lkdsb.net	
<p>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.</p>	