



To Learn, To Grow, To Lead

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Hello Royal Road Families.

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. As you know this school year and start up is a little different from previous years. As a staff, we intend to keep you up to date with important information items.

The first full day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Tuesday, September 8th. There will not be a staggered entry for Grades 1-5 as we were able to have all students enter the school safely.

The 'Return to School Parent Guide' has been uploaded to our school website. Please read this document as it will be helpful answering many questions in regard to students returning to school. It is our goal to make our school as safe as possible.

School supply lists are still available on our school website as will. **Extra school supplies will be needed for this year:**

- water bottle (please have it full of water prior to arriving to school)
- clean community mask each day (**students are required to have 2 masks at school**)
- small bottle of personal hand sanitizer (unscented)

There will be limited access to parents entering the building throughout the day as per the Parent Guide from EECD. Parents are being asked to communicate through email, phone, Freshgrade, and/or virtual meeting with their child's teacher when needed. In person meetings, with parents/caregivers will be by appointment only if needed. If picking up a child for an appointment or before dismissal, early, we will arrange to have your child meet you at the office doors.

School Hours:

Our school hours have changed a little.

7:45 – 8:00 – Supervision of students begin, arrival of busses and dropping off students. **ALL STUDENTS** will be entering the school as soon as they arrive.

8:05 - Instruction Begins

10:00 – 10:15 – K-2 Recess

10:20 – 10:35 – 3- 5 Recess

11:30 – 12:00 – K-2 Outside

12:00 – 12:20 – All Students Eating, 3-5 Instruction Ends

12:20 – K-2 Instruction Begins

12:20 – 12:50 – 3-5 Outside

12:50 – Instruction Begins for 3-5

1:40 – K-2 Instruction Ends/Dismissal

2:55 – 3-5 Instruction Ends/Dismissal

Please Note that parents/guardians are not be permitted into the school. On the first day of school. Grades 3 -5 will meet their teacher on the back playground. Grades K-2 will meet their teacher on the front playground. Teachers will have signs with their names on them.

Families have an important role to play. Please model the behaviours at home to limit the spread of COVID - (proper handwashing, proper cough and sneeze etiquette and staying home when sick.) Talk to your child and explain why things will look a little different at school this year.

Our playground also has some changes this year as students will be playing only in their class “bubble”. In order to ensure that students are practicing social distancing while outside we have divided our school yard into different play areas. Students will have an opportunity to rotate through the different play areas during the week.

In the past, we have had many vehicles drive to the top our driveway to drop off students. This year the **top of the driveway is for students only so that they can participate in outdoor learning and a playground. For the safety of the students, vehicles at any time during the day are not permitted to drive to the top of the driveway and drop off or pick up students at any time of the during the school day.**

Cafeteria

The first day for cafeteria is September 28th.

Freshgrade

All teachers will be setting up Freshgrade as a way to communicate with families this year. You will be receiving an invitation to join in the next couple of weeks. More details will be communicate in the days ahead.

BUSSING

Please let your child's teacher know by email where your child is going after school. They will need to know the name of the day care, who they are being picked up by, or which bus they will be taking. We want to ensure that all of our students get to their after school arrangements safely.

LOST and FOUND

We will not be having a lost and found this year. It is not following health and safety protocols to have students clothing mixed. Please ensure that **ALL** of your child's clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. are **LABELLED clearly**.

SCHOOL FEE

There is a \$15.00 school fee this year. We have reduced the amount from \$25.00 for this year only. The school fee will help support the exploration time for grades K-2 and the cross-curricular block for grades 3-5, along with other educational learning opportunities. You can pay the school fee through Cashless Schools.

Open House

Unfortunately, due to social distancing protocols we are not able to have an Open House/Meet the teacher this year. Please have your child bring their school supplies on the first day of school. They can bring their supplies over a couple of days to ensure that their book bag is not too heavy for them to carry.

Toys and Electronics

Please keep all toys and electronics at home (including cell phones). This is to ensure that the classroom is kept sanitized. There are many learning activities planned for each day to keep your child engaged.

Teachers have been working incredibly hard to ensure that students can have the best year. Together through your support, understanding and patience during these unprecedented times we anticipate a successful and wonderful school year.