

August 26th, 2020,

Welcome Back Evan's Families!! The Evan's staff are excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10th, 2020, for the 2020-21 school year.

We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong [Health and Safety Protocols](#) in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For Evan's students and parents, we have created a one-page document that outlines our COVID-19 School Restart Plan (attached). Here you will find important information regarding: cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time structures, entrance/exit protocol, mask usage, busing, before/after school protocols, library/book exchange as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

Wednesday Sept. 9th

You will receive an email from the teacher of the Learning Group/Cohort that your child has been assigned to for the first week. This email will detail what items your child needs to bring with them the first two days of school as well as where they will enter and exit the building. This information will also be posted at the entrance to the school upon their arrival.

Thursday Sept. 10th 8:05am – 10:05am (Grades 1- 5)

The first day of class will be for a period of 2 hours. To ensure a safe start for all students and staff, we ask that families help us with the following procedures:

- Before sending your child to school please ensure that they are healthy by completing the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). We ask that students who are not feeling well remain at home until they have recovered.
- Classes will be in session starting at 8:05am and ending at 10:05am.
- We ask that students not arrive at the school any earlier than 7:50am
- When students arrive at the school the children should **go directly** into their assigned learn group classrooms. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the door of their classroom but are (unfortunately) unable to remain in the building once they have dropped off their child.
- After entering the classroom children will be asked to immediately wash their hands for 30 seconds and will be given information by the classroom teachers on a seating plan.

As part of our plan for the first day we will be teaching students about Health and Safety procedures we will need them to follow to ensure all students and staff are safe while at school. Further information on this will be sent home later so that parents can help re-enforce these at home.

Friday Sept. 11th (regular day of instruction Grades 1 - 5)

This will be our first full day of regular instruction starting at 8:05am and ending at 2:05pm. Please send your child to school with a lunch and snack for a full day. Please use the same procedures as the first day to enter and exit the building. We anticipate that after the first week of school we will be able to solidify cohorts for the remainder of the school year.

Kindergarten Students

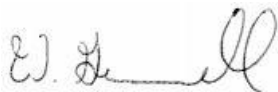
Information for Kindergarten students will be shared in an email or phone call from the Kindergarten teachers by September 9th.

We are asking parents to spend some time going over the [Daily Health Check Screening Tool](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, they remain home.

As we enter into this school year we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open. ***Keeping our families, staff and children safe this year is our top priority as a school.*** If you have questions about our plan, please reach out and connect over the phone, by email or book a time to meet in person at the school.

I look forward to meeting you and your children in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



Mr. Wade Gemmell
Principal
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