

## June 2020 FAQs

### Does my child need to return to the classroom in June?

- It is a parent's choice whether their child will return to the classroom in June.

### Will they be attending every day?

- As per the Ministry of Education guidelines, students will be attending 2 days per week. These 2 days will be assigned by administration.

### Will there still be online learning?

- Yes, even though teachers will also be in the classroom they will provide some activities for math and literacy activities for parents to complete at home. Please be advised that existing online supports will change as teachers and educational assistants are required to provide services onsite. We cannot guarantee extra support for students who choose to continue online.

### Will my students have the same teachers when they return?

- Every effort will be made to ensure that the students have their classroom teacher.

### How many students will be in my child's class?

- We will only be able to fill classrooms to 50% capacity or half of the current number of students. Due to the logistics involved in providing space for 420 students, the administration will assign each family a block time- either Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday to attend. As the numbers for the blocks may fluctuate or grow throughout the month, we are unable to allow families to switch days .

### Will my child be with their "best friend".

- Classes will be divided so they may not be with their "best friend". This might be a good opportunity to make a new friend.

### Where will my child line up in the morning?

- Class lineups have moved. Please do not wait outside the classroom door.
- Please look for your division on the ground in the north field and line up using the social distancing markers.
- Parents are welcome to line up with their students on their spots.

### Where will I pick my child up at the end of the day?

- Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at the end of the day when the parent is visible.
- Parents will need to park and meet their students. There will not be pick up from the loop.
- Please let your child's daycare know.
- Students must be picked up by 2:30 pm

### Do I need to send all their supplies back to school?

- Students will receive more information from their teachers as to the supplies that will need to be brought back to school
- Students will not have access to shared supplies.
- Please ensure that your child brings a full water bottle to school each day.

### What will the classroom look like if my child returns?

- Teachers have arranged their classrooms for maximum distance between students. Tables in the kindergarten classrooms have been replaced with desks.
- Each classroom that has a sink will be stocked with soap for appropriate hand washing. Annexes that do not have sinks will be supplied with hand sanitizer for the students.
- Commonly shared centres and areas have been closed as they cannot be sanitized between uses.

### What is my child has separation anxiety when I drop them off?

- Unfortunately, we are unable to physically assist students in entering the school. Parents are also not permitted to be in the school at this time. If your child is too distressed to stay at school with the teachers, we will need to discuss other options to support a gradual re-introduction to the classroom.

### Does my child need inside shoes for June?

- No. Please keep the extra shoes at home. If your student did not receive their indoor shoes in April, they may take them home at this time.

### Can I drop my child's lunch off at the office?

- Please remember to pack your child a lunch and send it with them in the morning. The office is unable to accept and distribute lunches during this time.

**Will my child be required to bring all their lunch garbage home?**

- Yes, we will be instituting a pack-in-pack-out program for lunch garbage. Parents may wish to provide a small bag for their child's garbage to protect their lunch bags and backpacks.

**Should my child wear a mask?**

- The Provincial Health Officer has not recommended that children wear masks. In fact, masks are hard for children because they often shift causing children to touch their face more often. All staff will be encouraging frequent hand washing and good personal hygiene.

**Will the children be able to be in shared spaces like the gym, music room, library and computer room?**

- Teachers are planning for the curriculum needs of the students to be completed inside the classroom and outside on the school grounds. Common areas such as the gym, library, and computer lab will remain closed.

**Can I volunteer in my child's class?**

- To keep contacts to a minimum, parents are asked to remain outside the school at this time.

**Will there be year end field trips?**

- No unfortunately, classes will not be taking any year end field trips.

**What about Fun Day/Year End Assemblies?**

- Unfortunately, Fun Day and assemblies will have to be cancelled this year due to the Provincial Health Officer's guidelines.

**What about the school leaving ceremony for Grade 6 students?**

- We are working on organizing a school leaving ceremony and more information will be provided later. The Public Health Officer is continually updating guidelines on group gatherings and we will follow those guidelines.

**What should I do if my child is not feeling well?**

- Stay at home and away from others if you're feeling ill
  - Don't go to school or work sick
  - Don't forget to call the office to let us know.

**How can I prepare my child for this "New Normal"**

- Please reassure your child that the school has been thoroughly cleaned.
- Explain to your child what social distancing is and try practicing it.
- Teachers are going to be reorganizing their classrooms to encourage social distancing.
- Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and concerns with parents and teachers.