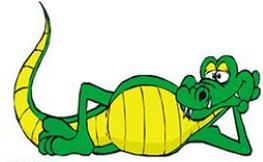




# GATEWAY DRIVE P. S.

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## Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new and returning students back to Gateway Drive Public School this September! Please review this information with your child prior to Sept 6th.

**All children will start on September 6th** and this year there will be no staggered start for our kindergarten students.

### School Starts At 8:35am

Period 1 & 2 - 8:35am to 10:15am

Nutrition Break 1- 10:15am to 10:55am

Period 3 & 4 - 10:55am to 12:35pm

Nutrition Break 2 - 12:35pm to 1:15pm

Period 5 & 6 - 1:15pm to 2:55pm

**End Of School - 2:55**

### Before Coming to School

#### COVID-19 Screening:

- All parents must screen their children every day before leaving home for symptoms of COVID-19. If there are symptoms, children need to stay home from school. If COVID-19 is suspected, testing is recommended.
- <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

### What to Bring to School

Please keep your child's personal items to a minimum! To support a safe and comfortable environment, students are asked to bring the following items clearly labeled with the student's name:

- Knapsack or tote bag for personal belongings
- Face masks if you choose to
- Personal water bottle
- Seasonal outdoor wear

- Indoor shoes
- Only those items that are necessary for the day (e.g., pencil case, calculator, pens, pencils)
- Students may bring their own devices

### **How Will I Know What Class My Child is In?**

Classroom assignments will be shared on the first day of school. When you arrive with your child(ren) you will see our staff team with clipboards, maps and homeroom signs. They will guide you to specific areas on the field based on their grade and our team will help get students into the correct class with their new teacher. Please refer to the map that also clearly indicates where to go on the yard when you arrive.

### **First Day Procedures**

#### **Morning Drop Off:**

Please refer to the map ahead of time so when you arrive at school you know specifically what grades will be located in what location on the yard. Please use the sidewalk to the right of the school and walk around back. If you need help please ask any of our staff members wearing vests and carrying clipboards. Once you have arrived at your specific location on the field according to the map, please have your child tell the teacher their name, say goodbye and exit towards the front of the school.

There will be no vehicles allowed in the drive-thru area at the front of the school. Please park in the designated areas on side streets.

Please arrive on time. If your child is late, you will need to call the office at 519-824-4300 to let us know.

#### **Bus Students**

Bus students will be walked around the back of the school and dropped off at the designated area on the yard with the appropriate teachers who will monitor them until we are ready to enter the building.

If you have Plans of Care and medication to drop off at the school, please call the school at 519-824-4300 to arrange a time for this to happen safely.

#### **Class Meeting location:**

Please refer to the map called, "1st Day Arrival."

#### **Late Arrival:**

Please arrive on time. If your child is late, you will need to call the office at 519-824-4300 to let us know. Ms. Ellis or Mr. Reay will invite students in and get them to their appropriate classroom.

#### **Recess Information:**

All students will eat for the first 20 minutes, then all students will play outside for 20 minutes.

**End of Day Procedures:**

You can pick up your child from the same location that they were dropped off at in the morning according to the map.

**Communication with the School**

Please call the school directly at 519-824-4300 if you have any questions that may need answered. Traditional agendas to communicate back and forth will not be used so if you have information to share with your child's teacher please use the specified method of communication that will be sent out by each teacher. This may be by phone at the school, by email, or through Google Classroom. Each child will be set up in a Google Classroom as soon as possible like we did in the spring. Our amazing team will support you through this process if it is new to you. Please do not expect to see a traditional agenda coming back and forth from the school. We will be sending home our regular package of information from the school. Please complete the forms, and return them to your child's teacher as soon as you can.

**You can help by:**

- Encouraging your child to walk to school or walk with them (this provides some great family time and health benefits),
- Parents are encouraged to park on the following streets: West Acres, Gateway Drive, Queensdale & Springdale
- Talk about a pick up location with your child (e.g., park entrance West Acres, park entrance Springdale)
- Parking in available parking zones only and respect our neighbours' property
  - Cross at the cross-walk with our Street Patrollers

**1st Day Arrival Map**

