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Please use this link to visit our UGDSB parent information website for COVID updates and return to school details:

<https://www.ugdsb.ca/community/coronavirus/2021-22-school-operations/>

COVID Protocols:

Masks are to be worn in the classrooms and hallways of the school. Masks can be removed during outdoor/recess times. Social distancing is encouraged at all times. Hand hygiene is strongly encouraged and sanitizer is available throughout our school.

Families must self-screen each day prior to coming to school. Please use this screening tool each morning:

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Students do not need to stay within their cohorts when they go out for recess.

Ventilation: Our school is mechanically ventilated, but we also have portable Hepa air filters placed in each classroom.

Access to school:

Only essential visitors are permitted in the school until further notice. For now, this means parents will not be allowed in the building or on our tarmac.

Classroom Assignments and Organizations:

Each year, we begin with the staffing that was allocated back in June when the number of students was projected for each grade. As in past years, our actual numbers are reviewed following the first days of school. As you can imagine, there is often a lot of change over the summer months. This means students may begin their first day in one class, yet find themselves being reassigned to another class within the first few weeks of school. With a

significant shift in numbers at our school since June, we anticipate that we will be reorganized by the UGDSB staffing committee and will have new staffing and classroom allocations. What this looks like will not be known until we do a head count during the first week of school. We encourage families to have conversations with their children around being flexible, as many of our students may experience a change in their class assignment. All of our current assignments are tentative.

What to Expect on The First Day:

At the back of the school, teachers will carry grade level signs and be located where their class will line up outside each morning. Please bring your child(ren) either to the side drop off/kiss-n-ride area of our school or no further than the soccer goal post at the back of our school. Staff will be available to assist students with finding their new classroom teacher and classroom entry line. Teachers will make their way into the classrooms after our second morning bell. Staff will be out on our tarmac ready to receive students beginning at 8:15am Tuesday morning. A reminder that our school day begins at 8:30 AM and dismissal is at 2:50 PM.

Communication:

Please make sure you have registered with Student Messenger (right sidebar of the Glenbrook website) and school email (bottom of Glenbrook website).

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Leaving School Property During Nutrition Breaks:

In the past, some parents gave our older students permission to go off property during nutrition breaks. There will be a process for allowing your child to leave school property this year, however, parents will be responsible for any behaviours/problems/issues that take place off school grounds. We strongly recommend that students remain under the supervision of staff during our nutrition breaks unless they have proven themselves to be mature enough and responsible for managing themselves in unsupervised situations.

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