



Princess Elizabeth Public School Updates for the 2021-2022 Start-Up

September 3, 2021

Hello PEPS Families,

As a follow-up to our initial email with first day procedures, we wanted to provide you with a few more details to start off the year.

Masking Protocol Updates

The original direction from public health was that students could be unmasked outside, with distancing. We recently learned that students will now be required to wear masks outside *if* students are interacting with other cohorts. As a result of this, we are switching our outdoor recess model so students will be playing in class cohorts and *can* be unmasked within their cohort.

We also wanted to remind families that we are asking ***all students and families to be masked on the first day of school*** at entry time as distancing will be a challenge when students are determining who their teachers are. Parents/guardians are asked to leave school property promptly once students have located their teacher.

Beginning the second day of school, students will be meeting their class in their cohorts at their meeting spots as assigned by their teachers, and may be unmasked with distancing while they wait for the entry bell. **Climbers** are closed to students before school each day.

Online COVID Daily Screening

For the first two weeks of school, our board is now requiring verbal confirmation from ***all*** students that they have completed the Online COVID School Screening at home prior to coming to school. Please ensure you complete this daily with your child(ren) as teachers will be facilitating the verbal confirmation in class each morning. The link is below:

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

Essential Visitors

For essential visitors, including parents who might come into the building due to extenuating circumstances (ex. Transition meeting), we will be requiring individuals to complete a COVID Vaccination Verification Form upon arrival.

First Day Inclement Weather Plan

If it is raining the first day of school, students are to still gather on the yard as directed in the [start-up memo](#). Staff will be wearing orange vests at all entry doors and will direct students inside to their teachers/classrooms on the first day of school.

Grab 'n Go Snack Bins

We will continue with our Grab 'n Go snack program bins in classrooms this year but we will be implementing the program toward the end of September.

Chromebooks

If you still have a school Chromebook that did not get returned to school at the end of June, please have your child(ren) bring it on the first day and our librarian, Mme. Foster will check it in. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a wonderful last long weekend of summer!

Ms. Regota and Mrs. Prins