



Princess Margaret Public School

Welcome Back for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year!

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to Princess Margaret Public School on Monday, February 8th!

For common questions about schools, please visit the Board Website and the [Parent Question and Answer \(Q&A\) page](#) and also [Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health](#).

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.
- Link to [self-screening tool](#)

Access to the School

Only essential visitors are permitted inside the school (e.g., maintenance personnel).

All parents and visitors will continue to not be permitted inside schools and on school yards during the pandemic, except in case of emergency. At entry and dismissal times, parents are to remain outside the school and school play yard while adhering to physical distancing protocols. Wearing a mask is recommended.

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 labelled** with the student's name:

- Backpack or tote bag for personal belongings
- Face masks - keep more than one in their backpack
- Personal water bottle
- Seasonal outdoor wear PLUS a pair of indoor running shoes.

Daily Procedures

At Home in the morning: [self-screening tool](#)

Morning Drop Off:

- Only students will enter onto the school yard. Parents/Guardians will continue to say goodbye at the gates and not enter onto the yards. **Students are encouraged to arrive a few minutes before entry time at 8:30 in order to minimize mingling of class cohorts.**
- Students must **wear their face mask once on school property**
- Students proceed to their 'morning meeting spots'; these areas have not changed.
- Students who arrive on buses will enter the yard in front of the school and make their way to the back to join their class peers.
- When the bell rings, teachers will direct their class to the location where they line up for entry time; these locations have remained the same.
- Classes will enter one at a time, ensuring appropriate spacing of students. Students will sanitize hands when entering.

School Greeters:

A "Greeter" will continue to meet each student at their assigned point of entry first thing in the morning. Students will be reminded to socially distance and will be given hand sanitizer as they enter the school.

Recess Information: (Wearing masks outdoors is now mandatory. Staff will go over with students what it will look like if a student is having a mask break)

- Before leaving classrooms, students will wash/sanitize their hands
- Classes have been staggered so that there are fewer students outside at the same time
- Classes will move through halls, one class at a time, and in the same direction to assigned exit
- Classes continue to have designated areas on the yard to play
- Each class will have their own recess bin with labeled equipment
- Students are not to bring toys or sports equipment from home
- Entering the building procedures will be followed at the end of recess for re-entry
- Upon re-entry from recess, students will wash/sanitizer their hands in their classrooms

Lunch Procedures:

- Students will continue to eat in their classrooms and at their assigned desk/work space
- Students will not be permitted to leave property during lunch breaks
- Recyclables and unfinished food items will be sent home with students.
- Students will put masks back on once they've finished eating
- Students will wash/sanitize hands before and after eating

End of Day Procedures:

- Students will exit the school using the same doors they use for entering.
- Bus students will exit through main doors to board buses.

- Parents/guardians will wait outside of the school yard gates for their child/ren and adhere to physical distancing protocols. Wearing a mask is recommended.
- Before and After School Program students will make their way to the designated rooms at 2:50 PM.

Loaned Technology during Remote Learning:

If you are a family who has a device(s) that was loaned out for remote learning over the past several weeks, **please return it to the school** so that we can have it cleaned and placed in classrooms. Please return the cord at this time as well. You can knock on the office window at Main Entrance and someone will meet you at the door for the device(s). Thank you in advance!

Other Important Information

Students who are ill: If your child is ill, or exhibits any signs and symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your child at home. If your child becomes ill during the day, you will be called to pick them up immediately. When children are feeling unwell, we will use our isolation room. Our isolation room is located in our main office area. If you receive a call to pick up your child due to illness, please call the office when you've arrived and we will bring your child to meet you at the main entrance.

Picking up a student: If you need to pick up your child early, please call the school office. We will have your child waiting for you at the front doors. Please call to let us know you have arrived. If you do not have a cell phone, please knock on the Office Coordinators window (beside main doors). We will dismiss your child out the front doors. Students will use hand sanitizer prior to leaving.

Communication with the School

- All communication will continue using the phone or other electronic means
- Messages between parents/guardians and staff can be via Google classroom, UG Messenger, email or phone
- When your child/ren is going to be absent from school, please leave a message in our absences mailbox 519-941-3731 **Please remember that if your child is unwell, to keep them at home and let us know on our attendance line.**
- School announcements/information will be posted to the school website, UGConnect and by phone calls. It is very important for all of our families access UGConnect. For more information please [click here](#). Or go to the App Store/Google Play store and search UGconnect to download.



Valentine's Day Celebrations:

- Due to Public Health recommendations, students will not be permitted to bring in "Valentine's" for peers (including cards and/or food treats)

Term 1 Report Cards:

- Coming home Thursday, February 18th, 2021



