



Chedoke Elementary School

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Dear Caregiver,

You will find attached to this letter a map of our playground. It identifies outside designated areas for each class and the Before and After School Program. Your support and cooperation will be essential in helping us to ensure we mitigate risks during entry and exit times. We would like to remind you of our expectations:

Kindergarten

Educators teams will be ready at the play area to admit or exit students - both users and walkers. Only one adult per child is permitted on the playground at any time. Adults must wear a mask and practice physical distancing at all times. We ask that you please limit conversations with educators so they can focus on routines. They would be happy to speak with you at another time.

Kindergarten students will be dismissed by their educator teams at the designated gate areas used in the morning. Please wait near this area practicing physical distancing.

Grades 1-3

Our staff begin duty at 8:10am. Please do not send your child to school before then.

In the morning, you may walk your child to their designated area but please avoid the front area of the school as this will help to reduce congestion. One adult per child is allowed on our playground and all adults must wear a mask and practice physical distancing at all times. Bus riders will be unloaded at the front of the school and directed eastwards around to the



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back playground allowing for physical distancing and cohorting. Masks may be worn by students but are not essential while outside. Staff will come to the designated area to pick up their class each morning and facilitate entry to the building.

At the end of the day (2:45pm), you may meet your child near their designated outdoor area. Staff will dismiss your child from the outdoor designated area. Again, we ask that all adults wear masks and only one adult per child is allowed on the playground. It is important for everyone to promptly leave the playground.

Grades 4-8

Our staff begins duty at 8:10am. Please do not send your child to school before then.

In the morning, students (both walkers and bus riders) will arrive at their designated area and practice physical distancing. Walkers should avoid the front area of the school as this will help reduce congestion. Bus riders will wear masks while on the bus, but are not required while outside. Riders will be unloaded by staff and will be directed eastward around to the back playground allowing for cohorting and physical distancing. We want to encourage these older students to get to the designated area without parental support, but appreciate some of you may want to walk them to this area during the first week of school. If you do walk your child, please know that all adults must wear a mask and practice physical distancing at all times while on school property. During the first week, only one adult per child is allowed on the playground. This helps to reduce congestion. Staff will come to the outside designated area for their class and facilitate entry.

At the end of the day, they will begin their dismissal routines early - about 10 minutes before the bell rings. Staff will stagger the exit and allow for physical distancing at all times. This will allow older students to be ready to pick up younger students. If you are meeting your child, please do NOT come on to the school playground. We need you to please arrange a



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nearby spot where you can meet your child. The pool, park or one of the side streets are ideal locations. This allows for reduced congestion on our playground and a prompt exit by everyone.

Bus riders will be dismissed from classes in a staggered way and duty staff will support students while they wait outside. Duty staff will load buses according to a seating plan that maintains cohorting.

Please refer to the map to determine your child's designated outdoor area for arrival and dismissal.

We look forward to our students returning after such a long time and are eager to support them to make this transition.

Thanks for your continued support,

M. Degner
Principal

S. Milinovich
Vice-Principal