



# Gordon Price Elementary School

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## Weekly Update for September 13, 2021

***Gordon Price is a diverse school community filled with kindness, acceptance, potential and hope. Learning Together. We help using our kind words, helpful hands and caring hearts to make a difference.***

It has been an awesome start to the school year! Our weekly updates are back this year. The updates are an excellent way to stay informed about our school. The update will be sent via email and posted on our school website each week.

Well, it has been a fantastic week at Gordon Price. Students and staff are doing their part to keep everyone safe and healthy. Hand hygiene, mask wearing, and daily screen checklists are very important to all of us. Students and staff have kept their focus on well-being.

**Daily Screening:** We understand it can be time-consuming in the morning but we really need all of our students/families in compliance according to public health. Students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 were given calendars for their agendas for parents to sign each morning. Grade 7 and 8 students can complete the screening on their phones and show their teachers. Your attention to daily completion is much appreciated. School staff will call families if the screening is not completed.

**Request to Switch:** Parents, guardians and caregivers can select elementary remote learning for 2021-22 on the Parent Portal. This form is open from 9 a.m. Friday, September 3 to 11:59 p.m. Friday, September 10. Transition between in-person to remote learning will take place in early October. By default, students will be considered in-person learners unless this choice is selected.

**School Entry and Dismissal:** This year, we have 3 additional classes for in-person learning and an additional 100 students in our school. The playground is bustling before school and the end of the day. For the safety of everyone, we are asking parents to wait on the outside of the playground on the grass areas. Adults should wear masks if they are on the playground.

Dogs are not allowed on school property. It looks like most students are walking to school. We are asking parents to wait outside of the playground area at the beginning and end of the school day.

Part of our School Re-opening plan, the parking lot is closed at the beginning and end of the school day. During the school day, it is open for parents to pick up their children.

**Stay informed from HWDSB:** See latest update RE: COVID <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/blog/covid-19-update-september-2021/>



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## **Report an Absence - Safe Arrival**

At HWDSB, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all students safely arrive at school every day. To strengthen our procedures for absences, we are using a student absence reporting system that makes it easy for parents/caregivers to report absences. It also allows school staff to respond quickly and thoroughly to all unexplained absences. Our goal is to continue to have all absences explained and all students accounted for each day, knowing that they are safe.

With Safe Arrival, families report a child's absence in one of three ways;

1. Provide your email address to the school. Use the SafeArrival website, [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca). The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Provide your email address to the school. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (or from links at [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-506-4350 to report an absence using the automated phone system. Using this method does not require setting up an account.

These options are available 24 hours/ day, seven days a week. You can report a future absence any time. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

**Medical Conditions:** Does your child have asthma, epilepsy, anaphylactic allergy or diabetes? Please contact the school to setup a plan of care.

**Students and Medication:** For the safety of all of our students, we ask that students not carry any medication on their person or in their locker unless it is an Epi-pen for emergency treatment. Please contact the school to let us know your child may require emergency treatment.

Other medications are over-the-counter medication, such as cough syrup and pain relievers. These should **not** be brought to school by students of elementary school age, or stored at school, as some students may have adverse reactions to improper usage and other students may inadvertently obtain these medications.

All other medication must be kept in the office. Prescription medication requires signed authorization of a parent or guardian and signed direction by the prescribing doctor before it can be administered by school personnel. These forms are available at the office.