



Highview Elementary School

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Dear families,

We are excited about welcoming back students – in person and through remote learning – to the 2020-21 school year. The pandemic has brought many changes to our school and its families, but we know that we can rise to the occasion if we work together.

Thank you for keeping up with the communications coming from HWDSB, and for completing important forms and surveys as required.

We are taking many actions to prevent COVID-19 at our school. You will notice that safety is guiding our programming choices. Here are some of the important points to remember:

Attestation

Before a student can enter a school, we require that their family completes an attestation that they have read, understood, and will abide by expectations. Find this on the [Parent Portal](#). The Daily COVID-19 Screening HWDSB COVID-19 Student Screening Checklist is to be completed daily before arriving at school. The checklist is found on the [Parent Portal](#) as well as on the [HWDSB website](#). If you answered YES to any of the screening questions, or if you refuse to answer the questions, the student has failed the screening and must not attend school. The family should contact Public Health (905) 974-9848 or their family doctor for testing. Please contact the school using [SafeArrival](#) to report the absence. If the student is tested for COVID-19, your school would appreciate knowing the outcome of that test.

Staggered Start details

As you know, we will be opening our school with a staggered start timeline. This means that not all students will begin on the same day. Please see the chart below, note which group your child falls into, and reach out if you have more questions:



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Revised Elementary Staggered Entry

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
GROUP A Last Name Initials	Staff Transition to New Assignments	Staff Transition to New Assignments	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health @ Orientation	Students that Require Special Education Supports/Supports with Transitions and Mental Health @ Orientation
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15	WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16	THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18
GROUP A Last Name Initials A to B (Approximately 1/2 class)	GROUP B Last Name Initials 1 to 2 (Approximately 1/2 class)	ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)	ALL STUDENTS (Full Classes)

New Routines and Protocols

School operations are changing significantly to ensure that we can provide a safe learning environment for students. We are finishing school specific protocols and we have attached our Highview Site Specific Plan. Please note that some of these routines may change as the year progresses. Staff will provide additional information about class procedures as well.

Elementary Reorganization

Due to the amount of families that have opted for remote learning, we have had to reorganize our school. As a result, our Grade 3/4 class had to be absorbed by other classes. We will be contacting families affected as soon as possible to notify them of their new class placement.

We will continue to send updates as we receive added information. Thank you for understanding the challenges of planning the new school year, and for sharing our commitment to safe and successful school year. Learn more about COVID-19 precautions at HWDSB at www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19. If you have any questions, or think your child might struggle with school, please let me know.



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