



Lisgar Elementary School

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Welcome Back Lions!

It has been my pleasure to connect with all the students and families on the playground, and over the phone. We have had a great return of students to in-class learning at Lisgar!

Our outside lines are working really well in keeping our students socially distanced as they await entry in the morning, at Nutrition Breaks and at the end of the day. Each class also has a section of the yard designated for them for nutrition break. These cohort areas allow us to keep students with the same group should we need to do any contact tracing. In the event of rain, when students arrive, they will go right into the building and walk directly to their classrooms.

Our school has many signs posted to help us to remember the rules when indoors. These include wearing masks, hand hygiene, maintaining social distance, reporting if you feel unwell, staying to the right hand side of the hallways and special spots on the floor for lining up. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the school. Caretaking is diligent about cleaning high touch surfaces many times throughout the day—door handles, washrooms, railings, and any rooms where a child has reported feeling ill during the day.

We are so proud of our students, staff and families for the great job they are doing!

What Happens When a Student Feels Sick

Remember to screen your child before they come to school using the online screening tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>. Students who report not feeling well or exhibiting any symptoms of Covid-19 while at school will be removed from the classroom to an isolation room and families will be called to pick them up. Currently, the isolation room is near to the office so that we can monitor students who are waiting for pick-up

- Students who **test negative** for COVID-19 must isolate until they do not have a fever (without using medication) and without symptoms for 24 hours. Household contacts should continue to monitor for symptoms.
- Students who **test positive** for COVID-19 must remain in isolation and follow Hamilton Public Health Service guidance and cannot attend school for at least 14 days. Household contacts should self-isolate at home and follow public health guidelines.



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- Ill students **not tested** and given an **alternative diagnosis** by a health care provider, the individual is to isolate at home until without a fever (without the use of medication) and free of symptoms for at least 24 hours.
- Ill students, if **not tested**, must not return to school for 14 days from the start of symptoms and be without symptoms for at least 24 hours. Household contacts should monitor for symptoms.

You can find more information and a Flow Chart of steps on the HWDSB website.

<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-At-Home-Protocol-1.pdf> <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID-At-School-Protocol-1.pdf>

Drop Off and Pick Up

Supervision on the playground begins at 8:35 am. There is NO supervision prior to that time so we ask that students **not arrive prior to 8:35 am**. Upon arrival, students are asked to move directly into line to wait for the bell. **Parents are asked to wear a mask on school property.** Please remain on the pavement on the playground so that we can limit the number of contacts for our students as they wait in line to enter. Supervision at the end of the day will end at 3:25. School Buses continue to have a shortage of drivers. Please check the Hamilton Wentworth Student Transportation Website for information and updates <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/>

On days with inclement weather, please try to arrive at school for 8:50 am. We will continue to follow physical distancing procedures as we welcome students into the school.

The Hamilton By-Law officers do visit now and then so if you are driving your children to school **please park where permitted**. We ask that parents refrain from parking in the school parking lots. Consider dropping your student(s) off on a side street (i.e., Carson or Moxley) away from Anson, which is very busy at the beginning and end of the day.

Visitors in the School

Thank-you to our families as we get used to the new routine of parents and visitors not being permitted into the school. This is for the safety of our students and staff. If you need to drop something off or pick up your child, please buzz the office using the buzzer outside the front



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doors. Someone from inside the school will help you out. Any students who are late will need to buzz and wait for someone to come to the door with hand sanitizer for entry.

Nutrition Breaks

We have two nutrition breaks daily. Due to Covid restrictions, we have made some adjustments. Only grade 7 and 8 students can leave school property this year and may go home for lunch on second nutrition break. As we try to limit the contact between students and others, we ask that students only go home for lunch and not to the plaza.

Student Attendance

Attendance reporting is extremely important. If your child is going to be absent or late, please input this information into the Safe Arrival/Parent Portal app. If your child is required to leave school early, you will also need to enter that data into the system. A reminder that for students to attend school they must clear the daily medical screener questions each morning. Being on time is also important as Mrs. Wallace, our Office Administrator has to leave her desk to let students who are late in to the building.

School Information

Most of the information that you will be receiving from the school this year will be posted on the Parent Portal, the School website and the school Twitter account. This allows for a safe way to get information to our families homes without sending paper home. ***Please complete the beginning of the year forms that are currently available in the Parent Portal.*** Please contact the school office if you are unable to access the Parent Portal.

The website is: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/lisgar/>

Twitter: @LisgarHWDSB

Fire Drills and Other Health and Safety Drills

We are required to have different drills throughout the year so that students become aware of emergency procedures. This includes Fire Drills, Shelter In Place, Bomb Threat, Lockdown, and Hold and Secure. We will practice these in the fall and again in the spring. They may look a bit different due to Covid social distancing but we will do our best to ensure that our students are aware of safety expectations.



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Meet the Teacher

Our traditional Meet the Teacher is on hold due to social distancing. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please call the school and leave a message for the staff to return your call. Communication between our families and our staff is very important and we value this connection.

School Council

Please stay tuned to the school website for more information about School Council and what that may look during these unprecedented times.

School Day Organization

At Lisgar School we operate on a balanced day schedule which allows students to have two nutrition breaks and recess breaks throughout the day. Our daily schedule is as follows:

8:35-8:50 Outdoor supervision
8:50-9:30—Period 1
9:30-10:30—Period 2
10:30-11:10—Nutrition Break 1
11:10-12:10—Period 3
12:10-12:50—Period 4
12:50-1:30—Nutrition Break 2
1:30-2:30—Period 5
2:30-3:10—Period 6
3:10-3:25—Outdoor supervision

We continue to appreciate all of the support and cooperation we are receiving from our Lisgar families.

We are the Lisgar Lions. Hear us R.O.A.R.!