



August 26, 2020

Dear Promontory Families,

Thank you for your patience as we have been working on our back to school plans. As we work on our site-specific plans, we are striving to address the following priorities within the confines of our unique situation: physical safety, social-emotional well-being, and academic success. While the landscape continues to shift almost daily (ie. the latest news from the federal and provincial governments), we are proceeding with our best information. We have attached a one-page summary of our school plan, which includes links to additional useful information. As any changes affect our school and district plans, we will keep you informed.

We need your help as our partners in keeping everyone safe. One of the most important things to note is the **MANDATORY DAILY HEALTH SCREENING:**

- To stop the spread of COVID-19, daily health screening is mandatory for students and staff
- Parents are asked to utilize this [screening check-list](#) prior to sending their student(s) each day -
- If your child displays any of these symptoms, PLEASE KEEP THE CHILD HOME AND GET TESTED FOR **COVID-19**
- Students and staff who are unwell must not enter the school

The Ministry of Education would like to see all students returning to school for face-to-face instruction, and that would be ideal. We understand that many of us are struggling with deciding what is best for our families. If you are struggling with having your child return, I would encourage you to take some time before you make a final decision, and we will be flexible with you in the first few weeks of school. I think you will find that the precautions we are taking will make everyone feel as safe as possible, and we are willing to work with parents to ensure they remain a part of Promontory Elementary for the long term. If your child has specific medical issues and your doctor is suggesting that your child should not attend, we can work with you to determine the best solution.

The first day of school for Grades 1-5 will be on Thursday, September 10th, and students will be in attendance either 8:20-10:10am or 8:30-10:20am. The first full day will be on Friday, September 11th. Students will be assigned to a classroom and a cohort (a group of 60 or fewer people), and you can expect to hear from a teacher by Wednesday, September 9th to let you know where and when your children should meet their learning groups on the first day. We will be staggering entry and exit times to minimize contact and to avoid a bottleneck of too many people coming and going. There will be two groups, and we will let you know ahead of time which group your child is assigned to. On a regular school day, Group 1 will be escorted into the school from their outside line-up location at 8:20am, will have breaks at 9:45am and 11:45am, and will be dismissed at 2:10pm. Group 2 will be escorted into the school at 8:30am, will have breaks at 10:25am and 12:25pm, and will be dismissed at 2:20pm. Kindergarten families will receive additional information from a Kindergarten classroom teacher. The revised gradual entry schedule will be sent to you separately.

It is important for students to be in attendance on these first days as we are using these two days to reinforce the protocols that we will follow to help us remain safe and healthy. In brief, we will focus on minimizing contact and maintaining physical distance wherever possible, proper washing of hands, following signs and protocols for moving in hallways and using bathrooms, etc.

Again, thank you for your patience and support. We will keep you informed of any updates as they happen. We are in this together, and we are going to do a great job of returning to school safely, calmly and kindly.

Mr. C. Bloch, Principal