



Stockdale Public School



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— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome Back Stockdale Families and Welcome New Families!

The staff at Stockdale hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable summer. They have been working to prepare for a safe and organized entry to school during this challenging time. Thank you to Ms. Irwin, the Custodian who worked over the summer to get it ready for all of us. Thank you to Ms. MacCormack for her work keeping us all organized. I would also like to extend a special thank you to our parent volunteers who assist in so many aspects of our school to help create a caring learning environment for all our students. Take a look at our tidy landscaping and our new sandbox. A special thanks to Amanda Edwards and School Council to make these improvements happen.

Returning to school will look different this year but staff are excited to see their students and get back to some great learning experiences in the classrooms and in the yard. A copy of our Board's "Return to School Plan" can be found [here](#). Click on the link and it will take you to the information.

Thank you for your patience as we work to return to school as safely as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please call the school or email me.

Sincerely, Doreen VanEgmond
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Daily Screening For Covid Symptoms

It is essential that students are screened at home and if there is any sign of illness **stay home**. If they come to school with signs of sickness, they will be quarantined in a room and we will call you **to come and get them and all siblings**. We know how difficult it is but please keep your child home even with a very minor symptom of illness. We need to be extra vigilant during this time to support our community. You may want to put a **plan** in place now **for emergency childcare**.

Daily COVID Self-assessment

It is very important that staff and parents/guardians of students complete a daily COVID self-assessment prior to entering schools or any KPR place of work. You should not come to school or attend work if:

- You or someone you are in close contact with have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days;
- You have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19;
- You have any of the following symptoms:

COVID Symptoms:

Fever / Chills

New or worse cough

Runny nose/nasal congestion without known cause

Shortness of breath / Difficulty breathing

Nausea/vomiting

Pink eye (conjunctivitis)

(From the KPR Return to School, Appendix E)

Reminder: A Staggered Start

The week of Sept. 14 to 18 there will be a staggered start:

Families with last names **A to L** will come on Monday 14 and Wednesday 16.

Families with last names starting with **M to Z** come on Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17.

All students will be in school on Friday 18th.

Boomerang Lunch:

Due to COVID 19 safety protocols, we are asking students to return all uneaten components of their lunch, including the garbage. This may be a great time to consider a garbageless

lunch, if you are not already practicing this environmentally positive approach.

Staggered Entry and Exit

Our arrival and dismissal are also staggered.

On arrival, busses begin to arrive at 9:05 and students will begin to enter the building safely distancing and prepare for learning.

Walking and driving students are requested to arrive at the bell at 9:20 or later.

At dismissal, students being picked up by parents, walkers and bikers will not leave their classrooms until the buses have left the parking lot. Non-bus students will then be dismissed and make their way to home or to parents.

Health & Safety Reminders for Parents:

Thank you again to all of the parents who are offering support and care for our school! Here are a few key pieces that we are counting on you to help us with:

We are limiting all visitors to our school. If you have any questions, **please call** and talk with us over the phone. All visits to our school require:

- an appointment made in advance
- visitors to visitors will follow visitor protocol including wearing mask, sign in, use hand sanitizer, self-screen using our checklist, **enter & exit only through the front door**

Adults will not be allowed to come on to our school yard this year. Please know that you will need to say goodbye to your child as they get on the bus, or at the gate or front entrance as indicated.

Water Bottles:

All students must have their own refillable water bottle at school each day. Water fountains are closed, but the bottle filling stations will be open.

Indoor Shoes:

Students require to wear athletic footwear to school and will be wearing them all day. We will not be using a second pair of shoes for indoors at this time. We will revisit this when the weather changes and outdoor boots are a requirement.

All weather clothing:

Students need to come to school to be able to be outside in all Fall weather conditions, except thunder and lightning. We will be learning and playing outside as much as possible this fall to enhance the safety of our students.

Edsby:

Our staff have been using the Edsby platform for a few years now. Because of the pandemic we are hoping to use as little paper as possible. Edsby is a great tool to be able to connect with the teacher. Please make sure our office has your current email address to be able to get the invitation to Edsby. You can email sherry_maccormack to submit or update your email.

KPR has also created a list of "Frequently asked Questions" which is being updated as information is received and can be found [here](#). There is some important information and some responses to questions that Parents and Guardians have been asking.

Before and After School Program

There is a before and after school program at Stockdale Public School. Please contact Community Partners for more information at 613-398-1881

