



CLEARPOINT ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

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Dear Clearpoint Parents and Guardians:

We hope that you all have had a safe and relaxing summer and have been able to spend enjoyable time together as families over the past several weeks.

As you know, on August 10, the Minister of Education, Jean-François Roberge made several announcements related to the plan to re-open schools this fall. You will have received communication about these announcements by email from the Lester B. Pearson School Board. Below is a link to the LBPSB website where you can find the documentation that has already been sent out to you:

<https://boardsite.lbpsb.qc.ca/back-to-school-2020>

Since the announcements made last week by the Minister of Education, staff members from Clearpoint Elementary and I have been working hard to review our preparations and plans for the re-opening of school. We understand the importance of communicating clearly and as promptly as possible with you about any new procedures or protocols that may have an impact on your child's return to school. Detailed information about these local plans, and any new procedures, and practices that will be implemented will be sent to **you by next Tuesday, August 25.**

We want to make certain that our return to school is as safe and secure as possible for all students, staff, and families. We also want to start off the school year by making sure that we establish new routines for students clearly and in a way that minimizes any stress or anxiety. In order that the reopening of school runs smoothly, we have made some changes to our first few days of school, with smaller groups of students and parents coming to school each day between Aug. 31 and Sept. 2.

Our schedule for the first week of school is as follows:

- Monday, August 31 – **Grades 5 & 6 only** – regular school day 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 1 – **Grades 3 & 4 only** - regular school day 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 2 – **Grades 1 & 2 only** - regular school day 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 3 – **All students grades 1-6 – regular school day 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
- K – 4 and K – 5 students will start school using the gradual entry plans that have already been mailed out to parents.

-We will also be sending out class lists to parents by email the day before each grade level starts. This way parents will automatically know which homeroom class their child has been assigned to.

-Parents will be invited to come into the school yard at 7:50 a.m. with their children on their child's first day. After that, we are asking that parents of all students grades 2 – 6 do not come into the school yard in the morning (parents will be permitted into the school yard for P.M. dismissal, following social distancing rules and wearing masks please).

-Students will be asked to line up at clearly designated spots for each homeroom class, where their teachers will greet them.

-A map of the school yard that shows where each class should line up will be sent out to parents prior to each grade's first day.

-Again, all students and parents are asked to respect social distancing rules (staying 2m apart). We also strongly encourage all students to wear masks; we ask that all adults please also wear masks.

-Should there be rain on any of these days, we will bring students into the building as quickly as possible, but we ask that you please bring umbrellas with you if rain is forecast; **note that parents will not be permitted to enter the school building.**

This plan will allow us to review new routines with students carefully with fewer students at a time, and with more staff supervision. It will enable us to welcome the students in a way that will minimize any stress or anxiety they may be feeling about returning to school. If any further adjustments to new procedures are necessary, we will be able to do so quickly. Finally, this plan will ensure that any crowding and close contact that would often happen on the first day of school will not occur.

Despite the changes and challenges that COVID-19 has brought us, we are all truly looking forward to welcoming all Clearpoint students back to school. We have missed them and can't wait to get the school year underway.

Please do not hesitate to share any questions or concerns you have about any matters related to the start of the school year.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!

Sincerely,

D. Estok,
Principal