



CLEARPOINT ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

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To All Parents & Guardians:

On Wednesday, Jan. 8 it was announced by the Provincial Government that all elementary schools will open to receive students for in-person teaching starting on Jan. 11 as originally scheduled.

Understandably, many parents may be concerned about the return to school given the current rates of COVID -19 infection in the city of Montreal. Please rest assured that the staff at Clearpoint Elementary will ensure that all health and safety protocols that have already been established will continue to be followed rigorously. Please read the following points carefully:

Use of Masks or Face Coverings

Despite the health and safety protocols that we will continue to follow, we cannot overstate the importance of wearing masks in school. The routine wearing of masks and face coverings has been demonstrated to be a critical factor in mitigating the spread of COVID -19. As was announced by the Minister of Education, wearing of masks will now be mandatory for all students at all grade levels in common areas (in hallways, on the school bus). Please note that at Clearpoint Elementary:

- We **strongly recommend** that all students at all grade levels wear face coverings (or if possible procedural masks) at all times during the school day. This includes periods such as phys. ed.
- It is important to provide your child with 2-3 clean masks or face coverings at the beginning of each school day to ensure they will have an adequate supply.
- Younger students (in K-4 or K-5) may benefit from the wearing of a lanyard to ensure that they do not lose their masks (please check with your child's teacher regarding this point).
- We recommend that students wear masks outside unless they can be sure to be able to keep a proper distance from other children. Wearing a mask outside during recess also ensures that students keep their masks on during crucial transition times while entering or exiting the building.
- All students attending daycare should wear their masks / face coverings during before or after school daycare.
- The school can provide replacement face coverings as needed for students who lose or forget their masks.

-We remind all parents to wear masks or face coverings at all times while on school grounds. This includes the times when daycare students are picked up at the end of the day.

With the support of our parents, we have successfully established a strong culture of mask-wearing at Clearpoint, which has undoubtedly helped minimize the spread of COVID-19 at our school. We thank you for your on-going collaboration in helping to keep students and staff safe.

COVID-19 Tests and Precautions

We would like to remind parents that children must remain at home if they are displaying any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat). As well, any student who is awaiting a test result should not return to school until a negative result has been communicated to parents. If a family member is awaiting test results, we also advise that students remain at home again until confirmation of a negative result has been given.

Anyone who has travelled outside of Canada during the recent holiday break is required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon their return. Therefore, if your child will be absent from school, please contact Ms. Angelika in the main office or Mr. Estok. If you have travelled elsewhere in Canada, we ask that you please contact Mr. Estok to discuss the specifics of your circumstances.

Return of Chromebooks, Personal Items, School Materials

Prior to the holiday break we distributed a large number of chromebooks to our students for their use at home during the period of on-line learning this past week. These devices are important learning tools for our students here at school, so we ask that you please return any borrowed chromebooks promptly to your child's homeroom teacher on Monday. Please also return personal items such as indoor shoes, as well as any school supplies that were sent home such as workbooks, pencil cases etc. Please return the device (along with its charging cord) and all other items in a re-usable shopping bag. Thank you for your help with this.

Registration Information

The registration period for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Detailed information regarding the registration process and specific time periods for registration appointments has been posted on the school website. There will also be a Virtual Open House on the evening of January 19, from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Details will be available on both the Clearpoint website and the LBPSB website.

Once again, we would like to thank all parents for your continued support regarding the measures that have been introduced to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Your cooperation has been a critical factor in keeping students and staff safe while at school. I am confident that the spirit of collaboration between Clearpoint and our families will see us through this very trying and stressful time. As always, please do not hesitate to direct any questions or concerns you may have to us. You can reach me by email at destok@lbpsb.qc.ca or by phone at (514) 773-7989.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

David Estok,
Principal