

Norwood NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

A lot of uncertainty remains about back to school, but a few days in, we know a bit more! Here are some information pieces for you - as we process through it, all of these pieces will form our full plan, but we want to give you what we have when we have it. As with all things this may change as we move through our process, however, this is where we are now.

- Mrs. Ostapek



What parents are asking..

What we know now:

Norwood has had 59 students opt out of in person school. Several other families requested to home school their children and others have decided not to have their child start JK but remain home or in their current child care.

Who is my child's teacher?

Because of our opt out process, schools across KPR have had to re-staff. This means that many classes are being reworked and reassigned. There will be many, many changes to the class assignments. We are focused on trying to ensure our numbers stay as small as possible across all of our classes, but this takes time. We are hoping to have new class lists available next week - stay tuned.

What's happening with the breakfast program?

We know how important breakfast is, especially for students with long bus rides or who might miss breakfast. To start the year our program will have pre-packaged foods available in each classroom - things such as granola bars and apple sauce.

Does my child need back to school supplies?

It is a great idea to purchase supplies that only your child will use. Pencils, erasers, markers, pencil crayons, calculator, protractor (upper grades), glue sticks, and a sturdy case to keep it all organized. It would also be appreciated if you could purchase zip lock bags from the dollar store size 12.9"x15.5" (doesn't have to be exact but they need to be large). These will be used to store library books and tools for learning that are only to be used by your child. Once they are done with the learning tools, the items will be sterilized and new items will be placed in the bag. All students must have a water bottle as well, can be disposable or something they can refill.

Can I send hand sanitizer to school?

Yes, of course you can but please, make sure it is scent free so those students and staff in our building with sensitivities do not have reactions.

Will parents & visitors be allowed in the school?

Visits to the school and on-site child care centres will be by appointment only. Wherever possible, telephone meetings will be held with parents and guardians. If you need to get in touch with someone at the school, you can call or email. Unscheduled visitors and family members – including parents & council – will not be able to informally step into the school, including at arrival and departure times, to speak with staff. We hope that this changes but until health officials indicate it is safe only employees may enter.

I couldn't understand the board message about staggered start. What's happening with that?

- September 8th - September 11th - Schools will be closed. Staff continue preparing school for the new school year.
- September 14th - 18th - Student and class groups will attend school on different days to become familiar with classroom and school processes and routines.

All students will attend school full time on Friday September 18th. Finalized schedules will be shared with families early next week.

Frequently asked questions can be found at

<http://www.kprschoools.ca/en/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.html>

There are new questions each day. We will do our best to answer them as quickly as possible. Watch for more communication soon.