

Back to School Update #2

August 31, 2020



Dear Portland Estates Elementary Families,

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather and time with family. As we plan for a safe and positive opening of school we wanted to share details of what the school year will look like. Please find attached our school re-opening plan. We will be sending updates that focus on different portions of this plan throughout the week. This information will be shared via email, school website <https://pes.hrce.ca> and twitter @portlandestates. Classroom teachers are back to work on September 3rd and will be in touch with you about specific details pertaining to your child's class.

School Supply Lists

For school supply lists, please click [here](#). These can also be located by clicking on the "Our School" link and then clicking on "General Information".

Wearing a non-medical mask

All bus students will be required to wear a non-medical mask while on the bus (Pre-Primary to Grade 6). Those in Grades 4 to 6 along with all staff will be required to wear a mask when they are unable to physically distance by 2 metres. Pre-Primary children and students in Grades Primary to 3 are not required to wear a mask while in school (p.14 [NS Back to School plan](#)). Grade 3 students within a Grade 3/4 class will need to wear one as well.

We will have 2 non-medical, washable cloth masks for students to take home on the first day of school. It is important that masks worn by students are labelled and have a safe place to be stored when not in use (e.g. fanny pack, waist bag, zippered pocket, sealable bag, etc.). We encourage those wearing masks to bring an extra one each day in case it becomes soiled or lost. There will be extra disposable masks on hand in case a student forgets/loses theirs during the day.

Helpful links

Please see below for some helpful links as you discuss wearing a mask and the importance of hand hygiene with your children. Please also familiarize yourselves with the COVID-19 daily screening checklist. This is the tool both families and staff need to use each day as we work together to support our continued shared health.

[COVID-19: How to wear a non-medical mask or face covering properly \(video\)](#)

[How to wear a mask](#)

[Hand Washing Poster - Proper hand washing](#)

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist](#)

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we plan for a safe school opening . Our next update will include information on arrival/dismissal, recess, lunch routines and illness in school.

Kind Regards,

Portland Estates Elementary