



Back to School Update #4

September 4, 2020

Dear Portland Estates Elementary Families,

We are excited to welcome students back to school! Your child's teacher has reached out to you with specific details about supplies, recess/lunch times, contact information, etc. The following are the designated entrances/exits for each class.

Front Doors

Triangle (#1)	Square (#2)	Circle (#s 3, 4, 5)
1/2 McInnis	1 Farrell 1 Casavechia	P/1 Doane/Clarke P McLennan P Page-White

Door by Back Gaga Pit

Heart (#6)	
3 Johnson (Portable) 3 Ahmad (Portable) 2/3 Mesheau	3/4 Connors/Clarke 4 Jennings 4/5 Banks

Back Doors (by back playground)

Diamond (#7)	Star (#8)
5/6 Smith 6 Davidson 6 Mason MacDonald	2 MacNeil 5 Senn

Arrival/Dismissal Reminder

Students can go directly to their class upon arrival between 8:40-8:50am through their designated doors. Staff will help remind students to sanitize their hands as they enter the building and help direct them as needed. Those in Grade Primary have received instructions from their classroom teacher about where to meet on the first day. We are unable to have parents/guardians in the building at this time.

Please make sure that you have a designated spot that your child knows where to meet you after school. Dismissal is between 3:00-3:10pm. It is important that school pick ups are prompt and away from the entrances/exits of the building in order to help all students exit safely.

School day

Teachers will work with their students to learn new routines including hand hygiene, physical distancing along with storing and taking care of their belongings. Students will remain with their class as much as possible and staff will come to them for the most part. At this time *Caring is not sharing* is a principle we will be guided by.

There will be opportunities for students to be outdoors during Physical Education, recess, lunch and other instructional time.

Updating information

It is important that we have your most up to date contact information, emergency contacts, child's medical needs, etc. The applicable forms will be sent home with your child next week.

More details about the provincial Back to School plan can be found at

<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/backtoschool/> .

We recognize that this is a different start to the school year from what we are all used to. Staff have been working diligently to get everything ready for your children while following the [NS Back to School plan](#). We thank you again for your patience, support and understanding as we welcome students back next week.

**Kind Regards,
Portland Estates Elementary**