



Friday, May 29, 2020

Re: Re-opening of School to Face to Face Learning

Dear parents/guardians and students,

We hope that you and your family are doing well. We would like to extend our appreciation for the support and understanding that members of the Guildford Learning Centre community have shown as we transitioned to remote learning following Spring Break. Your efforts have helped to ensure that student learning has continued over the last two months.

Thank you also to those who have responded to our survey. The information you provided has helped to assist in our planning for the weeks ahead. We have been busy preparing to welcome back those students who will be returning to the classroom for face-to-face learning beginning June 1. The “**Return to School**” schedule was emailed to you earlier this week; it is also posted to our school website. Please note that **all students** must adhere to the attendance schedule. We look forward to seeing staff and students at GLC next week.

We write this letter to inform parents and families of the new routines they can expect for school.

As we have been planning for the return of students, we have been guided by our shared commitment to ensuring the safety of all members of our school community. We will be reminding our students of the importance of following the guidelines around frequent hand washing, physical distancing and staying home if they are feeling sick.

Access to our building will be limited to students and staff, unless prior arrangements have been made through the principal. This includes picking up or dropping off children, coming into the school to discuss issues with the administration or teachers, or to drop off any snacks. Please ensure that your child has a snack with them, and a filled water bottle. Should you need to pick up your child early, or need to contact the school, please call the office at (604) 951-9553.

We have put in place plans to help with physical distancing and minimizing physical contact. Physical distancing can be challenging in a school setting. That said, with respect to our learning spaces at GLC, it is reasonable to expect students and adults to seek and maintain a safe physical distance of at least **2 metres** from others whenever possible. Too, we will keep movement within the building to a minimum.

Please be reminded that parents/guardians are responsible to assess their child(ren) **each day** before going to school. If your child is experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease please keep your child home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND the symptoms have resolved. If your child becomes ill while at school, appropriate procedures will be applied, and you will be notified that your child needs to be picked up and taken home.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back into the building. We are in this together and appreciate your patience as we all get used to the changes in practice.

Sincerely,

Aileen Kinsella, Principal