

Dear Our Lady of Fatima Families,

Please review the following information to prepare for your child's first day of school in Grades 1-8 on Tuesday September 7th or Wednesday September 8th.

First Day of School Procedures 2021

Daily Screening for COVID-19 Symptoms

Self-screening **must** be completed **each** day before a student attends school by using the [Ontario School and Child Care Screening Tool](#). If a student does not pass the self-screening, they are to remain home and follow the direction given on the screening tool. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, students are not permitted to enter the school building until the self-screening has been completed.

Confirmation of Screening

Confirmation of screening must be submitted daily to classroom teachers for the first two weeks of school (unless directed otherwise by the Ministry of Education). This process will occur through a student log that will be brought to school each day. Alternately, students who have smart phones can show their teacher the "green pass" from the Ontario School Screening Tool. For the first day of school, please utilize one of the following methods to confirm screening:

1. Print a copy of the Confirmation of Screening log, complete, and send to school with your child. Copies of the log will be provided to students on their first day of school for those that do not have a printed copy from home.
2. Email your child's teacher to confirm completion of screening.
3. Students who have a smart phone can show their teacher the "green pass" from the Ontario School Screening Tool.

Grade 1

Grade 1 teachers will greet students on the back pavement (Mrs. Plater, Mrs. Pento, Mrs. Wilkes). Signs will be placed on chair markers to indicate where each class will line up. Please send your child to the appropriate line once you arrive. We kindly ask that parents do not enter the school yard. Direct entry for Grade 1 students will begin on Thursday.

Grade 2-8

Direct entry will begin for Grades 2-8 at 8:05am. Please see the list of entry/exit doors below and the attached map to ensure your child is aware of where to enter the school building. Staff will be available outside, and in the hallways to support direct entry.

Door #1 (Main Entrance) – Grade 7 and 8 students
Door #5 (East Side – Back pavement) – Grade 5-6 students
Door #6 (West Side – Back Pavement) – Grade 2-4 students
Portable 1 & 2 – Mrs. Reid and Mme. Johnston

To further support health and safety on school premises, we ask the following:

- All adults accessing the school wear a non-medical mask when distancing cannot be maintained (ie. drop off and pick up times)
- Parents/guardians are **not** permitted access to the school yard
- Do not leave your vehicle when using the Kiss and Ride
- Do not congregate at drop off/pick up locations around the school

Exit Protocols

At the end of the day, exit procedures will be similar to entrance procedures. Classes will be dismissed in consideration of physical distancing through designated doors. Parents are asked to arrange a meeting point off school property as parents cannot pick up children at the fence. Last year many parents chose meeting places on the grass/field area at the back of the school. Primary teachers will dismiss out the back doors (Exit 5 and 6) to parents at the end of the day.

Exit doors are as follow:

- Door #4 – Filipiak, Szwed, Smith, Donald, Lake, Miszuk (East Side - Front)
- Door #5 – Burry, Boothe, Pareja, Zullo, Maciel, Morgan, Lamanna, Veloce (East Side – Back)
- Door #6 – Pento, Skeete, Wilkes, Magda, Plater, Antonelli, Walker, Newbery, Chowaniec, Lupson (West Side)
- Portable Students – Dismissed directly from portables
- Kindergarten – Parents will be able to drive into the Kiss N Ride Lane of the West parking lot. Staff will dismiss students directly to parents. Kindergarten dismissal will begin at 2:30pm.

Thank you for your support in following our procedures again this year. Looking forward to seeing your children on the first day of school.

Mrs. V. Varano and Mr. J. Shannon