

# Father John Kelly Catholic School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. We are preparing to reopen our school safely and diligently with a focus on the health, safety and well-being of all of our staff and students. Please rest assured that our re-entry plan is consistent with the norms and directives set out by York Region Public Health Department, while respecting social norms. Risk mitigation will involve a three-tiered approach that includes **physical distancing**, hand and respiratory hygiene, and non-medical mask wearing.

- Our School Re-Entry Plan is outlined below for your reference.
- Please continue to check your email for school updates.
- YCDSB Re-entry Plan Updates can be found at: https://www.ycdsb.ca/ycdsb-2020-2021-school-re-entry-plan/ycdsb-back-to-school-plan-faqs/
- Parents of young children should review our video on Returning to School During Covid 19: Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/449324526?ref=em-share

Kind Regards,

Mr. P. Morrone, Principal

# FATHER JOHN KELLY CATHOLIC SCHOOL Re - Entry Plan

# **Elementary Start Dates:**

Thursday, Sept. 10 - Grades 1, 2 and 3 continuing everyday thereafter

Friday, Sept. 11 – Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten, continuing everyday thereafter

Monday, Sept. 14 - Grade 7 and 8, continuing everyday thereafter

Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Grades 3 / 4 combined, 4, 5 and 6, continuing everyday thereafter.

#### Suggested/optional items for children to bring to school with them:

- A refillable water bottle to be used at our water filling stations (water fountains are closed)
- Indoor shoes
- Students are asked to bring a lunch and 2 snacks from home with them in the morning. Please do not come to the school to drop off lunches. Until further notice, visitors are not to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged appointment.
- Personal school supplies such as pencils, markers, eraser, pencil case, pencil crayons, ruler, etc...
- Personal electronic device (Chromebook, iPad, laptop) (BYOD)- A device will be available for the child while at school if you do not have one to send in.
- A non-medical grade mask (mandatory grades 4 8) **together with a paper or cloth bag** to store it in. Extra masks are available at school should the mask become damaged or soiled.

# **Before Arriving at School**

- Routine self-screening for all staff and students is required every morning before coming to school
- Self-assessment must be conducted by all students (supported by parents).
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# **Staggered Arrival Times**

In order to avoid congestion in the Kiss-and-Ride in the morning and to keep our community members safe, we are recommending the following staggered entry regiment for the year:

8:35 - 8:40 a.m. - Families with Surnames from A - F

8:40 - 8:45 a.m. - Families with Surnames from G - M

8:45 - 8:50 a.m. - Families with Surnames from N - Z

Teachers will greet their students on their first day of arrival in the school yard. Please do your best to arrive at the designated time noted above. <u>Parents are not to enter the school yard</u>. Your child will be directed where to go to meet their teacher.

To further avoid congestion and promote social distancing, only 1 adult per family should be **escorting their child to school.** Also, if using the Kiss-and-Ride loop, **please ensure your child can safely exit your vehicle unassisted and students should only exit from the passenger side on your vehicle onto the sidewalk. Once students enter school, they should remain at school until the end of the school day.** 

# Dismissal - End of Day

• Kindergarten & Grades 1, 2, 3 begin dismissal 10 minutes early at 3:30 pm.

- Grades 3 / 4, 4, 5, 6 begin dismissal at 3:35 pm.
- Grades 7 and 8 will be dismissed at bell time 3:40 pm.

Students and parents are asked to promptly exit the school yard at the end of the day in a safe manner while ensuring physical distancing.

#### Student Absences and Illness Plan

- Please continue to use our Safe Arrival System to report absences and lates. Before bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-865-7862 or online at **go.schoolmessenger.ca**. If your child does come to school late, please drop them off at the main entrance, ring the buzzer to enter the school and our office staff will sign them in and send them to class. **Please do not enter the building with your child.**
- Please have a pick up plan in place in the event that your child is not feeling well and needs to be picked up.

# Exit and Entry

- Exit doors will be clearly labelled so you know where to meet your child
- Hallways have directional arrows and signs to ensure minimal face to face contact and to guide all individuals in a unidirectional path.
- Where possible stairways will be designated for directionality: up or down.
- Staff and students are to maintain physical distance as they enter, move through and exit the building. Staff will accompany class in and out of the building
- Since students would not be wearing face coverings in the hallway when exiting and entering the school during recess, the exiting/entering of school during recess will be staggered to prevent the mixing of cohorts in the hallways.
- Bus students will exit the building each day with their respective class and then walk to the front of the school to board the bus.

#### Recess (morning and afternoon) 15 min.

We will be using a hybrid recess routine. At morning and afternoon recess, half the school (Cohort A) will go outside, while the other half (Cohort B) will follow an indoor routine. The process will be reversed in the afternoon; that is, students who followed indoor routine in the morning will now proceed to recess outdoors, while those students who were outside in the morning will follow indoor routine in the afternoon. All classroom teachers will be encouraged to take students outside for daily DPA (Daily Physical Activity) breaks, as a supplement to recess.

# Masks are not recommended for recess/outdoor play.

#### **Lunch Routines and Snacks**

All hot lunch programs and snack programs have been cancelled at this time.

Students will eat their lunches at their own desks daily. Student supervision will continue at recess and at lunch.

Parents are not to drop off lunches for their children, including the delivery of lunches from outside sources (i.e., Uber Eats, Skip the Dishes, etc.), as they may put other staff and students at risk.

It is recommended that students remain at school until the end of the day so we appreciate students not being taken out for lunch. If students are taken out of school, students should not be returning to school that day.

Father John Kelly CES will be using a staggered lunch recess. The schedule is as follows:

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Cohort A (half of the school)- 12:00-12:20 (eat) / 12:20-12:40 (in) / 12:40- 1:00 (out)
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**Cohort B (half of the school)** - 12:00-12:20 (out) / 12:20-12:40 (in) / 12:40- 1:00 (eat)

# Water Bottle Filling Stations

Water fountains are not to be used for drinking, Students will be asked to provide their own water bottle. Reusable bottles are highly recommended.

#### Washrooms Gr 1-8

- Maximum capacity of students in the washrooms will be indicated outside the washroom entrance by a sign.
- Social Distance marker tape will be outside the washroom for those waiting in line to enter the washroom
- Each student will have a magnet with their name on it which they will leave on a clearly indicated spot outside of the washroom to indicate that they are in the washroom. Once the capacity of the washroom is reached, the student will wait outside the washroom until someone leaves.
- Some stalls and urinals will be closed off to ensure physical distancing.
- Hand dryers are turned off and cannot be used. Extra paper towels will be provided for washroom use.

# Physical Education and Use of Gym /CHANGEROOMS

- Teachers will plan physical activities that support physical distancing while also limiting the use of shared equipment.
- Shared equipment will be disinfected regularly and students will be practicing proper hand hygiene before and after participating in physical activity and equipment use.
- Classroom teachers may bring their students outside for Daily Physical Activities (DPA) whenever possible. Always respecting physical distancing while outside and proper handwashing/hand sanitizing upon re-entering the classroom.

• SOCIAL DISTANCE SQUARES HAVE BEEN TAPED ON THE GIRLS AND BOYS CHANGEROOM FLOOR - MAXIMUM 6 STUDENTS AT ONE TIME

#### Visitors to the school

- Until further notice, visitors are **not** to enter the school during hours of operation unless identified through a prearranged appointment.
- It is expected that parents first contact the school by telephone if assistance is required.
- Visitors will only be allowed to enter after they have read the self-assessment notification and have no outlined symptoms.
- Visitors will be admitted individually in Elementary schools by buzzer; they will remain in the school fover where possible.

# . FJK 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR STAFFING STRUCTURE

JK / SK - MRS. MADUREIRA

JK / SK - MRS. ASARO

GRADE 1-MRS. MAZZONE

GRADE 1 / 2 – MS. PASSAFIUME

GRADE 2/3-MRS. CIVICHINO

GRADE 3 - MS. CHINA

GRADE 3/4-MRS. DONATO (considered part of the Junior Division Gr 4-6)

GRADE 4 / 5 - MRS. GIGLIOZZI

GRADE 5 / 6 - MRS. VALENTE

GRADE 6 - MRS. CUNDARI

GRADE 7 - MR. O'GRADY

GRADE 8 - MR. TONIUTTI

• Note: Parents of students in Mrs. Donato's Gr. 3 / 4 combined class will be notified on by Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in order to confirm their start date on Sept. 15, 2020

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to keep our children safe

Sincerely, Mr. P. Morrone