

Dear WES Parents,

In order to facilitate a smooth start to the school year, and to allow teachers to build stronger connections with their students and reinforce new procedures and safety policies, BTPS is using a staggered entrance for students in Grades 1 to 6. Students whose surnames begin with the letters A-K will attend school on Tuesday, September 1, and students with surnames beginning with L-Z will attend on Wednesday, September 2. All students will then attend classes starting September 3.

Students who are starting Kindergarten have already been sent individual staggered entrance dates, and should come to school on the day they were given. Reminders will be sent to our Kindergarten parents next week.

Please note that if an announcement comes from the province that pushes back the first day of school our staggered opening would follow the new dates announced.

For the first day only, each child is able to be accompanied by one parent. This will allow parents to help their students with the materials they bring, and will help to alleviate some of the anxiety that children (and families) may be feeling. Parents who accompany their child must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering the school.

After the first day, parents will be expected to drop their child off outside if they are accompanying them to school. Parents who need to enter the school will be asked to complete the BTPS Covid screen app prior to entering, and will need to wear a mask and practice hand hygiene procedures.

If you have any questions about the start of school, please email us at wes@btps.ca or call the school at (780) 842-3361. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the start of the school year!

Mr. Tom Koskie
Principal

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