

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great excitement that Joy and I let you know the plans for June 1<sup>st</sup>! We have been working out the logistics, class organization, and movement in the building – all through the lens of strict COVID 19 Public Health Protocols. We have learned a lot! The staff at George Jay are amazing planners, organizers, problem solvers and collaborators. We are following the instructional guidelines of the Ministry of Education’s Stage Three Re-Start plan. Things will be different in June. Remote learning will continue for students remaining at home but will be scaled back. Students who return to the building will get two days of face to face learning with their classroom teacher. Children of Essential Service Workers will participate in two days with their classroom teacher and will be provided with opportunities to extend learning during the rest of the week. Students participating in face to face learning are not required to continue with remote learning opportunities.

**Children and staff are required to stay home if they are not feeling well in any manner.**

We will try to cover all of the general routines and guidelines here, and post them on our website, but if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Your child’s teacher will give you more specific information regarding what will be happening within the classroom.

**1. What to bring**

- a. Breakfast and lunch programs are currently not operational in the school district.
- b. Please pack your child a healthy snack or two (the school is not providing food at this time)
- c. Pack a lunch – if they are bringing containers they must be able to open them independently
- d. Bring at least one full water bottle
- e. Carry everything in your backpack. Everything you bring to school, must go home with you at the end of the day (including any trash or compost)
- f. Do not bring stuffies, pillow, blankets or anything that cannot be easily sanitized if another student touches it
- g. If the teacher permits, you may send a baggie of small hard toys (such as Lego) that your child can play with at school.

**2. When to arrive**

We are staggering pick up and drop off times to minimize the number of people gathering in one place at one time. Please help us by keeping your social distance upon arrival and departure.

- a. Please arrive on time on your given days. Cohort A is Monday and Tuesday, Cohort B is Wednesday and Thursday. ESW students may be in attendance Monday through Friday.
- b. If your last name begins with the letters A through to L, please arrive at the school promptly at 9:00. Your child will then wave goodbye on the sidewalk and walk to their line up spot (no adults on the school property at this time please). We will have staff outside to help guide your child until they are familiar with the routine.
- c. If you last name begins with the letters M through Z, please arrive at the school at 9:15.

- d. We ask for your cooperation in leaving the school drop off areas as soon as your child has entered the school property.
- e. If your child is in ESW care, they will arrive at 9:00 and go directly to their class line up spot

### **3. When to pick up**

- a. Please remain at a safe social distance on the sidewalks surrounding the school grounds when you come to pick your child up
- b. If your last name begins with the letters A through L, please pick up your child at 2:30 and leave as soon as they have met you on the sidewalk.
- c. If your last name begins with the letters M through Z, please pick up your child at 2:45.
- d. If your child is in ESW care and going to an offsite after school program, they will be dismissed at 3:00. Location to be determined at this time – we will let you and the care providers know of the pick-up location.

### **4. Health Measures**

- a. We are adhering to the public health measure of limiting numbers of people in our building (we will have less than 150 students in the building at any given time and have no more than 10 people in a classroom at any time)
- b. The building is set up to ensure physical distancing to the greatest extent possible
  - i. Some hallways are one-way
  - ii. We have waiting spots for washrooms, handwashing – just like lining up at the grocery store
  - iii. Students have their own two metre work area
- c. Frequently touched surfaces in the classroom will be disinfected twice a day :once during lunch breaks and then a deeper cleaning after school
- d. Throughout the day, the custodians will be cleaning frequently touched surfaces in the building
- e. When students are in session, washrooms will be cleaned two to three times a day, including checking soap, disinfecting flush handles, door knobs, countertops etc.
- f. Extra custodial staff will be deployed at lunch and after school to ensure these measures are completed
- g. Heightened hand hygiene is our new normal! (please continue to practice handwashing at home)
  - i. Students wash hands when they arrive in the school and before going home
  - ii. Before and after any transition/break
    - 1. Recess, lunch, outdoors, indoors, to the gym, library etc.
  - iii. Before and after eating and drinking
  - iv. After using the washroom
  - v. If they happen to touch someone else's materials or desk
  - vi. After they have touched their face
  - vii. After sneezing or coughing
  - viii. Whenever hands are visibly dirty
- h. Use of washrooms will be strictly monitored by staff

5. **The school remains closed to the public.** If you need to speak to someone in the school, please call the office
6. **Recess, lunch and outside play**
  - a. Recess and lunch times will occur on a rotating basis, to minimize students in the hallways and to facilitate cleaning.
  - b. Classes are being encouraged to spend time outside. We have a schedule for outdoor play for the teachers to know when there is space for them to go outside.
7. **Please watch the video** as a family so that everyone will know what to expect. The video is also available on our website.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15rlqhJY64EYasxp06jG3fgvWFQkAru7/view?usp=sharing>

George Jay may look different but we still have the same caring hearts inside. We look forward to seeing your children and our Joyful Jays next week!

Take care,

Melanie and Joy