



Hello Princess Elizabeth Families!

We are so excited to see you next week. We cannot wait to welcome all our amazing students and families back to school!

This email is for students returning to Princess Elizabeth. If your child is returning virtually, you will receive information soon!

Be sure to click on the links for detailed information.

COMMUNICATION

We will be sending weekly updates each Friday rather than a monthly newsletter. We will continue to send a monthly calendar as well. We do use the school messenger system to send emails out. Please ensure the office has your up to date email address as soon as possible. If you are not receiving emails please contact the office as soon as possible. I will also send the message out on the REMIND app. The instructions to sign up are linked below:

https://princesseliz.dsbns.org/documents/RemindInstructions_000.pdf

We will also update our website weekly and include our weekly updates on the main page so you have quick access to all the amazing things going on at Princess Elizabeth.

CLASS PLACEMENT

Your child's homeroom teacher will be calling to introduce themselves on Thursday, September 2nd. If they don't get through, they will leave a message or send you an email. We take a lot of time to determine placements that are for the best interest of students.

As well, you will receive an email from the school with class placement information.

Be sure to make note of this information for the first day of school.

If you don't hear from us - don't worry! There will be many staff members to help get students to class during the first week of school.

Like always, during the first days of school class assignments could change.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

All students will begin the first day of school. There will be NO staggered entry for our JK students to begin the year.

DSBN RETURN to SCHOOL PARENT GUIDE and KINDERGARTEN PARENT GUIDE (attached)

Please carefully read the attached Parent Guide or Kindergarten Parent Guide. It will answer many of your back to school questions!

[DSBN Back to School Guide 2021](#)

[DSBN Kindergarten Parent Guide](#)

BUSSING

For information about your bussing, please log in to <https://nsts.ca/> Be sure to OPT IN! Please ensure you have done this as soon as possible.

BELL TIMES AND LUNCH BREAKS

Our bell times remain the same as last year and our lunch breaks will continue to be staggered to allow for optimal distancing on the playground at breaks. We will run 3 break times by division, Kindergarten, Grades 1 - 3/4 split classes and 4/5 - 7/8 classes.

Bell Times - 2021 - 2022

Period:	Time:
Period 1	9:05 - 9:25 am
Period 2	9:25 - 10:05 am
Period 3	10:05 - 10:45 am
Period 4	10:45 - 11:25 am
Period 5	11:25 - 12:05 pm
Period 6	12:05 - 12:45 pm (half day 12:15 pm)
Period 7	12:45 - 1:25 pm
Period 8	1:25 - 2:05 pm
Period 9	2:05 - 2:45 pm
Period 10	2:45 - 3:25 pm



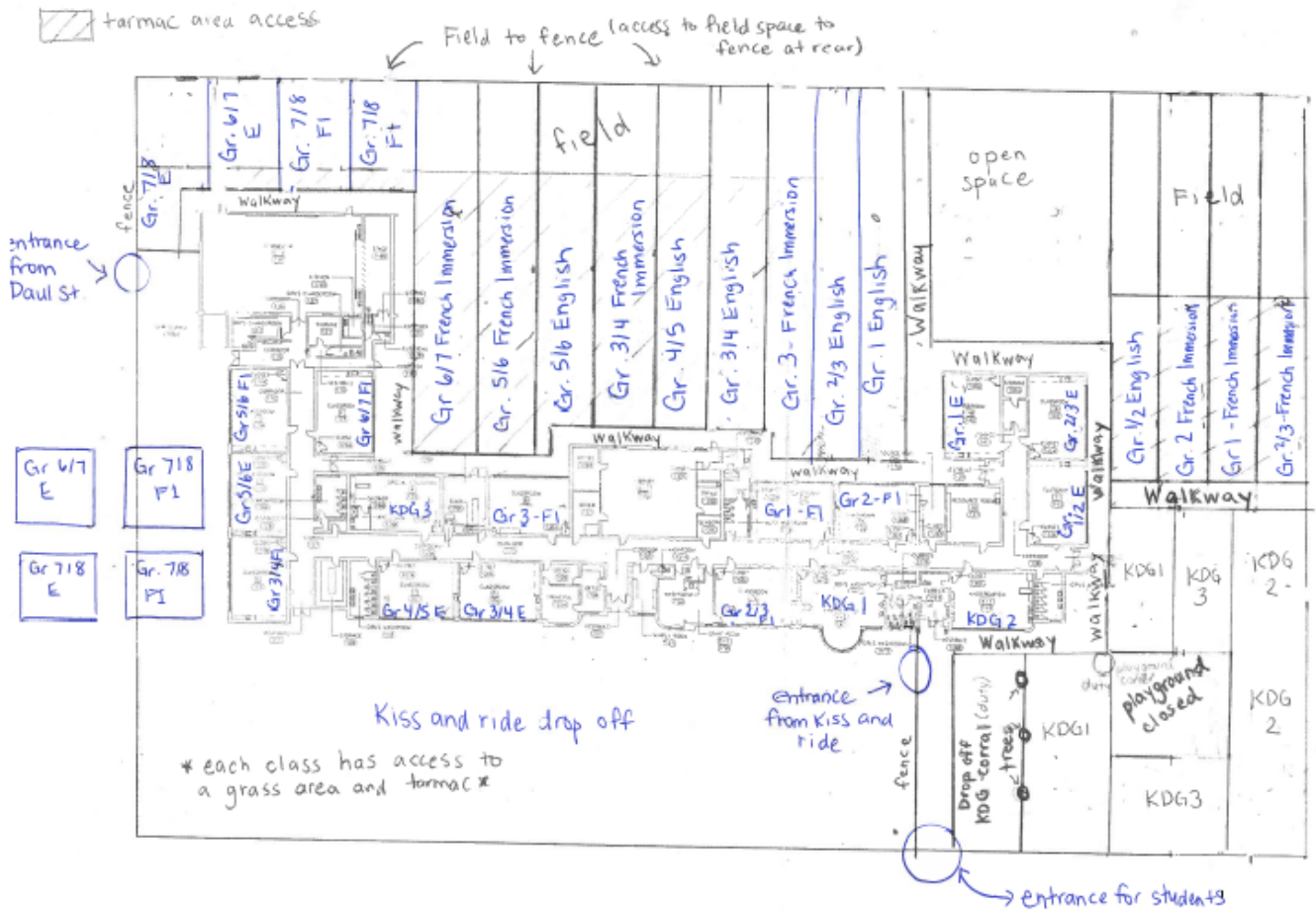
2021 - 2022 Staggered Lunch Breaks

Break:	Classes:
Period 3 & 6 Break 10:05 - 10:45 am 12:05 - 12:45 pm	All Kindergarten classes
Period 4 & 7 Break 10:45 am - 11:25 am 12:45 - 1:25 pm	All primary classes up to and including Gr $\frac{3}{4}$ classes
Period 5 & 8 Break 11:25 am - 12:05 pm 1:25 - 2:05 pm	All Junior and intermediate classes

ENTRY and DISMISSAL

We have supervision on our playground from 8:50 am, with school beginning at 9:05 am. Parents/guardians will not be allowed on the playground beyond the first day of school. We kindly ask that after the first day you drop your child off at the appropriate entrance and they can make their way to their meeting spot. There are

designated meeting spots for each homeroom class as indicated below. At the end of the day we also ask that parents kindly wait outside of the school yard until the bell rings before picking up their children. If you have older children we suggest setting a meeting spot with them outside of the playground area to ease congestion. Parents/Guardians of smaller children can walk to the designated meeting spot.



KISS AND RIDE INFORMATION

We did a lot of work last year to change the procedure for our Kiss and Ride to make it much safer to use and efficient. Since it has been a long time since we have last used it I have attached the procedure below. If you do make use of Kiss and Ride we would appreciate you taking a moment to read it. Please click below to read it.

[KISS AND RIDE PROCEDURE](#)

PARENT SCREENING AGREEMENT (School Cash ONLINE, sent home first day)

You will be receiving a Parent Screening Agreement.

This can be completed through School Cash ONLINE or on a paper copy sent home on the first day. Please attend to this promptly.

RETURN of TECHNOLOGY

Please bring any technology loaned to you during the At Home Learning to school on the first day and hand it in to the homeroom teacher or office.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Many of our enhanced health and safety procedures are outlined in the Parent Guide. For any specific COVID-19 support, please contact the Niagara Public Health Hotline at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7

FIRST DAY FORMS

You will still receive Verification Forms and Prevalent Medical Forms on the first day of school.

We will be posting Permission to Participate, Parent Screening Agreement and other forms on School Cash Online.

Be sure to have your account set up. This will reduce the amount of paper going between home and school. You will be able to sign up right on line!

LABEL EVERYTHING

Labelling student items will be important! Please be sure to label shoes, water bottles, lunch pails etc. This greatly helps to ensure students bring home their items. Our school does have a fundraising account with Mabels Labels. If you go to https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/ and type in Princess Elizabeth we get a percentage back to the school.

VENTILATION

To support the safe reopening of schools, the DSBN has made upgrades to improve ventilation infrastructure in our schools.

Ventilation systems in all schools are frequently inspected and are in good working order. We will continue your inspections and maintenance throughout the year. For any occupied learning environments in parts of schools without mechanical ventilation, we will have stand alone HEPA units in place. As an additional health and safety measure and to recognize that JK/SK students are not required to be masked in the classroom all kindergarten classrooms and full day daycare spaces will have stand alone HEPA units regardless if there is mechanical ventilation.

More DSBN Return to School Information can be found at www.dsbn.org/

Princess Elizabeth Information can be found at <https://princesseliz.dsbn.org/>

Follow the amazing things happening at our school on Twitter @PEWelland

We appreciate your kindness and patience as we work through another very different start to our year!

Sincerely,

Princess Elizabeth Staff

