



HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians,

We look forward to welcoming your child back to Haldane Elementary soon. To ensure we are all ready for the year ahead we will be having orientation with students on September 10th and 11th, as part of Haldane's Re-Start Plan. Students will return to school for a full day, **on either** September 10th or 11th. We will be contacting you on September 8th and 9th to discuss the orientation, and confirm your child's return to school. Detailed information regarding learning groups, and the re-start plan, will be emailed once learning groups are confirmed. *To ensure you will receive all the important messages, please make sure that we have your most current contact information on file.*

Gradual entry schedules for Kindergarten students will be sent separately.

The first step in keeping our students and staff safe begins at home. Families will be asked to sign a [Health Assessment Agreement](#). This is a commitment to assess your child(ren) for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school each day. **Please complete [this form](#) and return it to school before orientation, or have your child bring the completed form on their orientation day.**

These daily health assessments, along with enhanced surface cleaning, hand washing, and physical distancing measures are our best defense against COVID-19. As another layer of protection masks will be required for staff, middle and secondary students in high traffic areas such as buses and in common areas such as hallways or anytime outside of their learning group, whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained. Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear masks for medical reasons. Two masks will be provided for each student to use.

We also want to better support families who need additional time to return to in-class instruction. Please call us so we can discuss your needs, and begin working with you on solutions. As information becomes available, you will find it on our [Haldane website](#).

Sincerely,

Katrina Sewell