

Hello DSBN Elementary Parents:


To help ease your child’s return to the 2020/2021 school year, the DSBN will be implementing a staggered entry return to school for elementary students. We apologize for the inconvenience that this staggered return may cause for your family, however we feel it will have benefits for your child:

**Benefits of a staggered entry:**

- Provide a calm environment to introduce our organized entry and dismissal procedures
- Allow students a gradual and thorough introduction to the enhanced health and safety guidelines within the school, and helping them learn new routines
- Allow staff to adapt their practices to meet the new safety standards with students

All schools will start the staggered entry on Tuesday, September 8 with their youngest students in the primary grades. The final group in the staggered entry process will be the oldest students, our intermediate grades. By Friday, September 11, all elementary students will have started school.

Most of our schools will follow a plan as outlined below. A few of our smaller schools might not use the full week and they will let you know more information during the week of August 31st.

Students attending In School learning					
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	September 7	September 8	September 9	September 10	September 11
 When does my child attend school?	Labour Day - No School	Kindergarten Grade 1	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8
Designated Special Education classes will all return on Tuesday September 8					

**Transportation**

Your child’s bus ride to school will not be affected during the staggered entry return. Students requiring transportation will have it on their start date. Parents do not need to notify NSTS.

Our goal is to return to school with safety, well-being and learning in mind. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to achieve this goal.

We are looking forward to seeing your child in September!