

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to share some of the details of our protocol for school re-opening. We would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding as we press forward.

The first day of classes for Royal Vale students is **August 31, 2021**.

- **Grade 1 & Grade 2– 7:55 a.m. and their siblings (Draper Street Door)**
- **Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6 – 7:55 a.m. (Royal Street Door)**
NEW this year, siblings may enter from the Draper Street Door
- High touch areas will continue to be disinfected by our caretakers with increased frequency.
- Access to our premises will be restricted to staff and students. Parents and other visitors may enter the school by appointment only. Please note that wearing masks will be required of visitors at all times.
- Water fountains will be available for use and we encourage student to have reusable bottles.

KINDERGARTEN PROGRESSIVE ENTRY

Kindergarten parents must arrange for child-care the first week of school.

- Day 1 – Aug 31st: Parent orientation with teachers. No children. 9:00-11:00 am.
- Day 2 – Sept 1st: Half-day for students, family name beginning with A-K. 9:00-11:00 am.
- Day 3 – Sept 2nd: Half-day for students, family name beginning with L-Z. 9:00-11:00 am.
- Day 4 – Sept 3rd: Half-day for all students. 9:00-11:00 am.
- September 7th: Kindergarten - First full day of school for students.

Dismissal:

- **Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2– 2:35 p.m. and their siblings (Draper Street Door)**
- **Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6 – 2:35 p.m. (Royal Street Door)**

LUNCH

Students will eat in their class and will have the opportunity to wash their hands.

DAYCARE

The Home & School daycare will be available from 7:00 am -6:00 pm daily. Should you require day care, kindly call [514-482-6086](tel:514-482-6086). Every child requiring this service must be registered for it.

Please note that parents will not be permitted to enter the building to drop-off or pick-up their child(ren). Your child will be brought to the daycare door once you arrive.

SCHOOL RULES

The standard version of our school code of conduct may be found online, in the [2021-2022 Elementary Handbook](#) section and in the student/parent handbook for 2021-2022. The staff expects your

collaboration in ensuring that recommendations are followed. Your assistance is a great help to us. Of course there are protocols and procedures that will supersede the code of conduct for everyone's safety during this current pandemic

CAFETERIA

Cafeteria services will be available as of September 1, 2021.

Subsidies for a reduced lunch program will be available again this year. More information to follow.

ABSENCES (NON-COVID ABSENCES)

The school requires that the parent or guardian contact the school to confirm their child's absence on a daily basis. In addition, on the first day of the student's return to school, the Homeroom teacher must receive a written note explaining the child's absence, dated and signed by the parent. Royal Vale uses an automated system to notify parents of their child's absence. Only one parent number may be called by the system. Please indicate that number on your child's Emergency Form.

MONITORING YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

Public health authorities want students and school personnel presenting one or more symptoms to stay home and to call 514-644-4545 (1-877-644-4545) immediately for instructions. When a student stays home for this reason, parents are to contact the school to inform us of the student's status (regular absences should still be communicated through our secretary).

Working together to remind students of proper health and hygiene habits will go a long way to keeping everyone safe.

INTERVENTION PROTOCOL IN CASE OF COVID-19 CASES

More details to follow.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO ARE SYMPTOMATIC MUST NOT BE PRESENT AT SCHOOL.

GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board, required by the Quebec Education Act, is an essential part of school life at RVS. With parent, teacher, administration, student, and community representatives, it is responsible for the school's Educational Project and Success Plan, as well as aspects of educational services, community services, and physical and financial resources. The Board has eight parent representatives who are elected for staggered two-year terms. Four parents must be named for a two-year term, this September.

Our Annual General Assembly/ Elections will be held in September, *more details to follow.*

MASKS

Public health along with the Ministry of Education announced that masks will once again be mandatory this year. We ask students to come to school wearing a face mask. Once in school we will provide your children with a blue procedural mask. More information to come.

A FINAL WORD

Kindly be reminded of the following:

- Please be punctual and respect the times outlines above.

- Students should only enter the school via their assigned entrances.
 - Please note that only students and school staff will be permitted to enter the building.
- The health and safety of our students, staff, and parents is our priority. Rest assured that we are committed to the safety of our community. We believe in the resilience of our students and families, and in a strong partnership with our parents. Wishing everyone a safe and successful 2021-2022 school year.

Respectfully,

M. Zampini

Principal

Royal Vale School