



LYNN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten! Staff at Lynn Valley are so excited to welcome you and your children to our wonderful learning community!

In early July, you will have received a letter with the gradual entry schedule for your child. Due to the current circumstances, the schedule that was provided is no longer accurate. Based on the Ministry of Education direction, there has been a mandated delayed start in order for staff to prepare for the safe start to school in our new normal. The health and safety of students and staff is our highest priority as we begin the new school year together. On September 8th and 9th, staff will review health and safety protocols, establish schedules and routines to minimize student and staff contact, and plan and prepare their classrooms. Our Kindergarten teachers will be spending this time getting ready to welcome your child.

Kindergarten students will begin their school year on either Friday, September 11th or Monday, September 14th. Gradual entry will still occur in small groups with students attending their assigned class (learning cohort) with their assigned teacher(s). We will send you the revised gradual entry schedule for your child on Friday, September 4th.

Unfortunately, under the guidance of the BCCDC and the Provincial Health Officer, we are not able to invite parents into our classrooms at this time.

As always, students will be placed into classrooms with a classroom teacher(s). This year, however, we will not be organizing buddy classes, or having classes join together indoors. Any staff member entering the classroom or interacting with students who is not a member of that class will need to practice physical distancing and wear a non-medical face mask. These are just a few of the changes we are making to ensure the health and safety of our school community. You can expect to receive classroom specific protocols and routines directly from your child's classroom teacher in the coming weeks.

We are truly looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you as your child embarks on their learning journey with us. Please contact the school office with any questions or concerns you may have at this time.

Kind regards,

Chanin Smyth, Principal

Lynn Valley Kindergarten Teachers