

# A safe return to Rockcliffe Park PS - September 2020 - Update 7

Hello Grade RPPS Dragons (students) and Dragon handlers (parents and guardians),

Attached is our How to Train your Dragon guide. It has pictures of how to access our yard for safe arrival and dismissal, entry doors, mask routines and more.

A reminder of our back-to-school days next week:

- 15 September: Grades 1 - 2
- 16 September: Grades 1 - 4 + Year 1 Kindergarten + Year 2 EDP kindergarten students
- 17 September: Grades 1 - 6 + all Kindergarten students

I would like to revisit the key strategies for a positive transition back to school with our new routines:

- **Drop and go.** We ask that parents drop their children and leave the area quickly to allow space for other parents to arrive. Talk through the “drop and go” routine with your child.
- **Find your teacher.** Gr 1 - 6 students will walk clockwise around the track (our morning whirlpool) until they arrive at their designated homeroom location. Did you find the homeroom location in the Dragon guide? Your child can have the homeroom teacher name on their hand or on a piece of paper.
- What is your yard Access number? Talk with your child about where you will meet them after school. Check the yard access number with them. See the diagram in the guide.
- **Masks management.** Have you made a plan for where masks will go at recess? Pick a pocket! The more your child has a consistent routine, the less likely we will have lost masks.
- **Clean hands.** We have disinfectant but we do not have an unlimited supply. Practice hand washing, but also practice what a “conservative” amount means. RPPS disinfecting teamwork at its best!

As our first official day with students is tomorrow, it may be time to watch [the message from our special bagpiper, Bethany Bisailon](#). She is not able to join us on the yard to start of our year, but she will be there in spirit!

Have you found us on [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) yet? Search for our handle: **wetherockrpps**. Mme. Mace and Mme. Miller acted out the weekend Principal joke during our Virtual Meet-Up today. What’s the difference between an RPPS student and a pirate? A pirate wears his mask on his eye.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we work through the Return to School journey. We can’t wait to see our grade 1 - 2 students tomorrow.

Madame Mace

**Quick references for parents:**

- [RPPS office request](#).

- [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students.](#)
- [OCDSB Return to School Plan](#)
- [OCDSB school supplies list.](#)