

## Return to Rockcliffe Park PS - September 2020 - Update 9

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

Week 1 and we have crushed it! We are so proud of our dragons for working to understand our new routines, including the whirlpool on our track, walking on the right side of hallways, hand sanitizing, mask wearing, and more. . Our Dragon Training will continue next week to more strongly reinforce physical distancing while out on the school yard or walking in a class line. We are a team working together to stay safe!

Watch for an email from your child's teacher - we have received permission for a blanket field trip form to access adjacent park areas for outdoor learning spaces. We have identified 18 different learning spaces! Next week, you will also be receiving the electronic forms for school start-up, including media permission, appropriate use of technology, and more.



I would like to highlight a few key points as we move into Week 2:

- **Bus routes.** Parents are encouraged to check the OSTA website often for changes to bus cancellations or renewals. We have heard that E140 (AM) and E139 (AM/PM) routes now have bus drivers and they restart service on Monday! E138 (AM/PM) remains cancelled until further notice.
- **Which access point?** Make sure your child where to meet you at the end of the day. You should be there for 3:00 pm. If a parent is not at an access point to greet their child by 3:15 pm, the child will be returned to the main office. Parents are asked to walk to the front door of the school if there is a delay at the end of the day.
- **Crossing guards are our safety friends.** RPPS has reliable crossing guards whose role it is to direct traffic of both cars and pedestrians. If you are redirected by a crossing guard, please be respectful and follow their instructions. Their biggest request to families: "cross at the corner or crosswalk".
- **Drop and go.** Parents - we need you to back away from the access corridor at our yard barriers. This prevents other students or parents from walking into your physical bubble.
- **Bike racks.** Students using bike racks need to be able to independently drop off their bikes. Take advantage this weekend to have your child practice locking up their bike. We ask that parents do not enter our yard to do so.

- **Are you 2-m apart?** Parents - your behaviour speaks volumes to our training dragons. Watch that you remain 2-m apart when talking with others at drop-off or pick-up. Practice estimating this distance with your child - we need them to stay further apart during play at recess and this will be our focus next week.
- **Forgotten items.** The most common forgotten items are water bottles. We have set up a “drop off bin” outside the office doors for forgotten items to be delivered when possible.
- **Symptoms = stay home!** A reminder that parents should complete a [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students](#) every morning. Keep your child home if they have symptoms.
  - If your child develops symptoms while at school, they will be sent home and OPH protocols require that we send siblings home as well.

And the principal joke of the week, in keeping with our bus route woes: How did the bees get to school?... on the school buzz. How do the fish get to school?... by octopus. Have a wonderful weekend. I know I am planning fresh air time picking apples with my family.

Madame Mace, Proud Principal

**Quick references for parents:**

- RPPS Instagram or Twitter: wetherockrpps
- [RPPS office request.](#)
- [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Students.](#)
- [OCDSB Return to School Plan](#)