



LEN WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To LWMS Extreme Families,

The district wanted us to share some information with our families:

Parents are always encouraged to have their students attend their neighbourhood school. Extensive planning has gone into making our school safe in this context, and this is by far the richest environment for most students to develop their academic and social skills. Please reach out to us if you would like to know more about what our school will look like for your child this September.

We recognize that while most parents agree that attending their neighbourhood school in person is the best option, some have indicated that they are still nervous about sending their students to us on opening day. The Ministry of Education has temporarily softened our standard enrollment process to support families who wish to delay their start by a number of weeks but still retain their child's seat in class. Again, reach out to us for more information on our new "Soft Start" option.

A number of parents have also indicated that they would like to register their students in an online program. While the district is reopening our Kindergarten through grade eight outreach program (our distance learning option), note that once you have registered with our Education Outreach Program (EOP) or with another education provider, your student's return to our school will be dependent on available seats, and may be delayed until the following school year as a result. As our staffing model is dependent on student registration, students departing a school for other options may also cause the number of available seats in our school to be reduced.

Some students in grades ten through twelve have indicated an interest in enrolling in a combination of online and in-person schoolings. This practice has been permitted in the past and will continue to be an option in our current context. However, students in Kindergarten through grade nine will have to choose between online or in-person schooling and participate in that program exclusively, and the same goes for families who pursue a Homeschool option.

At LWMS we have been reaching out to our families through our survey and phone calls. If you have learned everything you need to know about online learning and still wish to register for EOP, please let us know about your decision and we will support you with the next steps.

Again, we will continue to encourage students to attend their local school, as we believe that is the best option for the vast majority of students. We hope that you will agree, and we look forward to seeing you next week.

School supplies are only needed September 11...not the first day! Please visit our website for further details on school supply lists. Remember: we start with full days for students on Thursday!

Take care,

Denise Moore
Principal

Duncan Hazlewood
Vice Principal

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