

# **FLCA Back To School Plan For Reopening**

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
<b>Who will determine when it is safe to return to school?</b>	The Government of Ontario (which regulates the opening of private schools) with guidance from public health, will provide direction on school opening. Private schools may reopen in regions that have entered Stage 3.
<b>When will school be opened for students?</b>	The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for all students in PK-Grade 8.
<b>What model of instruction will FLCA be following?</b>	We will be following a normal school day routine, five days per week, with enhanced public health protocols in place. Students will be grouped in cohorts (one class plus their teacher/teachers) for the full day, including recess and lunch.
<b>What if I do not want to send my child for in-school instruction at this time?</b>	Home learning programs will be available for FLCA students who do not attend classes in-school. This is also applicable for any students who are home due to illness, quarantine, etc.
<b>What happens if there is a school or community outbreak that necessitates the closing of schools?</b>	In either event, under the direction of WECHU, we will make a smooth transition to a schoolwide home learning program.
<b>How will students be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms each day?</b>	<p>Students will be assessed for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at home every morning by parents/guardians. A checklist will be made available to each household. Symptoms such as cough, fever or headache, etc. are to be monitored and students are to stay at home until they are well (this includes non-COVID-19 illnesses). If you, or any of the people in the household, have a confirmed case of COVID-19, your child must remain home, and you must follow the advice of your health provider.</p> <p>Students who are ill for any reason will be asked to remain home from school</p>

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<p><b>What if a student becomes ill during the school day?</b></p>	<p>Any student who starts to exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 while attending class will be immediately moved into a separate area and supervised by a staff member. Parents/guardians will be called and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. Key staff members will be trained in protocols for dealing with students who present as ill during the school day.</p>
<p><b>Will staff members be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms each day?</b></p>	<p>All staff members will conduct daily self-assessments prior to entering the school.</p>
<p><b>What preventative health and safety measures will be used at school?</b></p>	<p><b>Hand Hygiene:</b> Students will have access to soap and water for proper hand washing use in each classroom. Students will be reminded about how to wash their hands properly and to try to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible.</p> <p>There will be age-appropriate signage, designed by the Health Unit, placed throughout the school to remind children to perform hand hygiene. A regular schedule for routine hand hygiene will be part of the school day. Hand sanitizer will be provided in each classroom and common area.</p> <p><b>Physical distancing:</b> Maintaining two metre distance from others will be taught. We recognize that this will vary for some of our students who are younger.</p> <p>Our class sizes are small making a classroom physical distancing plan much easier to implement.</p> <p>Classroom tables and chairs will be arranged differently.</p> <p>Students and their teacher will remain together as a cohort throughout the day. The number of adults who interact with students will be minimized.</p> <p>Drop-off and pick-up times may be staggered.</p> <p>Recess/snack, lunch and class transition times will be staggered.</p> <p>Large group gatherings and assemblies will be canceled. Chapel services will be handled in an alternative format.</p> <p>Outdoor classes/activities will be encouraged.</p>

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<p><b>What preventative health and safety measures will be used at school (cont'd)?</b></p>	<p>Students will remain in their cohorts during recess and all outdoor activities. Physical distancing between cohorts will be observed, but students within their cohorts will not be required to wear masks or maintain physical distance while outside. This is based on recommendations from public health officials to allow play which is so important to child development.</p> <p>Since outdoor play and instruction is highly recommended, a portion of the playground will be covered by a 20' x 30' awning. Classes will rotate some of their time each day under this shaded area in order to limit sun exposure when outside.</p> <p>Lunches and snacks will be eaten within the classrooms or outside.</p> <p>The hot lunch program will be suspended for the time being. All food must be brought from home. Students will be reminded not to share any food.</p> <p>Water fountains will not be used. Students should bring a clearly labelled water bottle from home. Provisions are being made for re-filling of water bottles.</p> <p>Directional, distancing and health and safety signage will be utilized throughout the school. Parents should wear a mask.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Masks:</b> As per Ministry guidelines, the wearing of masks inside will be required for students in Grade 4 to Grade 8. Students in younger grades may wear masks if parents wish. Staff will be provided with masks as well as faceshields. The faceshields will be useful when working more closely with individual students.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Visitors To The School:</b> We will be limiting parents/guardians, volunteers, guests and others to the school upon advice of our Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.</p>
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<p><b>What preventative health and safety measures will be used at school (cont'd)?</b></p>	<p>PK/JK/SK students will use the side entrance (accessed from behind the gym) directly into the classrooms and parents (wearing masks) may accompany their children inside in order to help them transition easily.</p> <p>Staff will be present to guide primary students (Gr1 to Gr3) from the outside drop-off point to their classrooms. Senior students (Gr4 to Gr8) will travel on their own from the outside drop-off point to their classrooms.</p> <p>We are working on specific procedures to aid in the orderly pick-up after school that allows us to maintain physical distancing.</p> <p><b>Changes To The School Day:</b> The Ministry of Education mandates 300 minutes of instruction in an elementary school day (not counting lunches and recesses). At FLCA, we have always provided 360 minutes of daily instruction. While we are operating under these changed conditions, we will be shortening the school day by 40 minutes in order to allow for staggered drop-off and pick-up schedules, and to allow our teachers some additional time to manage the home learning program. We will still run our Before and After School programs, and allowances will be made with respect to billing for parents who cannot arrive at the set pick-up time due to work arrangements. We will finalize the daily schedule over the next few weeks and share it with you; for your planning purposes now, it is likely that the 40 minute reduction will come at the end of the school day.</p>
<p><b>What enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be in place in school?</b></p>	<p>Based on health and safety recommendations, we will be enhancing our regular cleaning/disinfecting practices especially with high touch surface areas, such as desks, tables, doorknobs, water fountain knobs, light switches, toilet and faucet handles, and electronic devices which will be cleaned/disinfected at least twice a day during school hours. A third, comprehensive cleaning/disinfecting will take place with the evening school cleaning.</p> <p>Porous materials, such as rugs or plush animals will be removed from the classrooms.</p>