



**Niton Central School**  
**“HOME OF THE KNIGHTS”**

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Parents and Guardians,

The staff at Niton Central School can not wait to welcome your child back into our school on September 8. We understand that these are unprecedented times and there are a lot of unknowns for yourself and your child.

We put together some questions that you or your child may be asking in regards to school or classroom routines that will hopefully help you feel more comfortable as you prepare for the first day back. As you know, this is an ever evolving situation so this information may change. We have based everything off of the GYPSD Re-Entry plan in forming our routines. There are a lot of routines that will take us time to put into place with students and some routines that we won't know until students are here.

As always, know that we are here to help you and your child. If you have any questions, please reach out to us, we would be happy to talk to you.

Warm regards,

NCS Admin Team  
Darran Lorne  
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Questions	Clarification
How can I best help my child prepare for starting school on the 8th?	Ensure that you have read the <a href="#">GYPSD Re-Entry Plan</a> , the <a href="#">NCS Re-Entry Plan</a> , the <a href="#">GYPSD At Home Learning Options</a> and the <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions</a> document. All of this information is available on both the GYPSD website and the NCS website.  Talk to your child about the upcoming differences they could expect and ensure that they will get used to it. Help them understand the importance of these new rules and why we are doing them.

	<p>Have them practice wearing a mask for longer periods of time at home to get used to the feeling.</p>
<p>Where does my child go to enter into the school?</p>	<p>Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will use the library door entry.  Grades 1 - 6 will use the elementary doors.  Junior High will use the main office doors.</p> <p>Each door has signs and pictures indicating which door students will use to enter and exit the building.</p> <p>Of course we know that this will take time for our students to get used to but we will be there to help them as soon as they get off the bus.</p> <p><b><i>See pictures below if you would like to show your child what to expect.</i></b></p>
<p>Will they have lockers?</p>	<p>Elementary - Yes. Students will be using lockers to store their backpacks, coats and lunches in. lockers will be alternate students in different grades to help spread students out while at their lockers. As usual, their names will be labeled on their locker.</p> <p>Junior High - Yes. As grade 7 - 9 students are one cohort, their lockers will be organized by grade.</p>
<p>What happens to their extra school supplies that I send?</p>	<p>Teachers have separate bins and ziploc bags with each student's name on it that their extra supplies can be stored in until they are needed. Teachers will keep them safe in their cupboards so that students will not need to haul supplies back and forth from school.</p>
<p>If I need to come and pick up my child from school for an appointment or other reason, what do I do?</p>	<p>Phone the office ahead of time so that they can let the classroom teacher know.</p> <p>If it is during school hours, the teacher will make sure that they have packed up their items and will be ready in the office when you arrive.</p>
<p>If my child is sick and has to stay home for an extended period of time, how will they continue to receive their schooling?</p>	<p>Teachers will provide you with either paper packages or online materials that are being covered in class, depending on what works best for you and your child.</p>
<p>Can my child hug their teacher or their friends?</p>	<p>Unfortunately, no.</p>

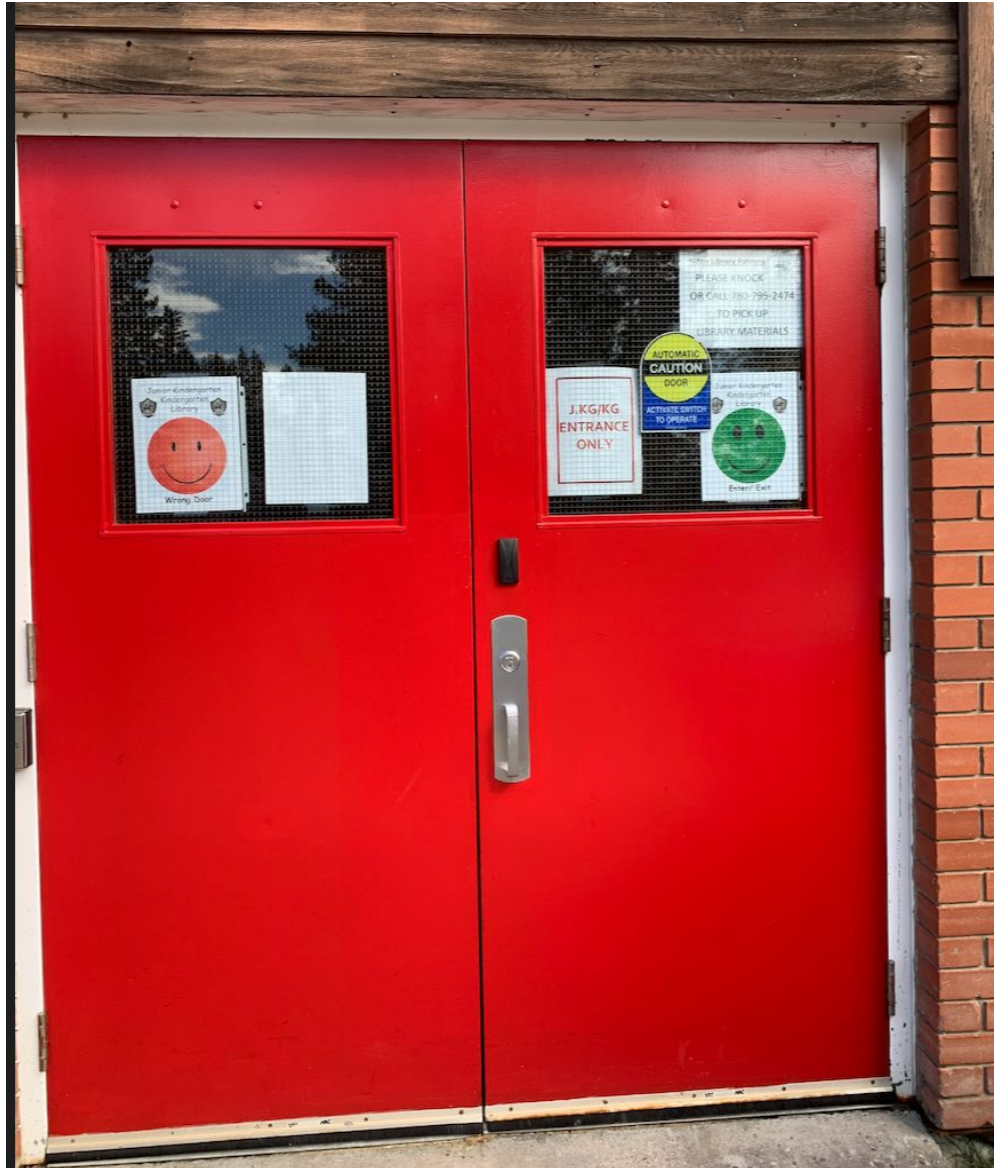
	<p>Not that we as staff don't want to be able to hug our students but we have to follow the Provincial guidelines and we want to make sure that everyone, staff and students, feel comfortable, so although you may be comfortable with your child hugging another person, that person may not be.</p>
<p>What will recess be like for elementary students?</p>	<p>Each class will be dismissed from their classroom separately. For example, the 5/6 class will go into the hallway first to grab their things and then head outside. Once they are finished in the hallway, the 3/4s will go, followed by the 1/2 class. Since the kindergarten students have their own hallway, they will not have to stagger.</p> <p>Once outside, students are not able to use the playground as per the GYPSD re-entry plan, so each class will be given a section of the field to use. Different classes are not able to play with each other as each class is considered a cohort.</p> <p>Upon re-entry into the school, the 5/6 class will come in first, then 3/4s, then 1/2s.</p>
<p>What will breaks look like in junior high?</p>	<p>Students will move to their classes in their cohort.</p>
<p>What will lunch time be like in junior high?</p>	<p>Junior high students will need to eat their lunch in their classroom following their seating plan.</p> <p>Your child is able to go uptown as they have in previous years if you as a parent are comfortable with that.</p>
<p>Can a teacher help my child if they get hurt?</p>	<p>Absolutely. We want to keep our children safe and comfortable. If they are injured we will help them and get them feeling better.</p> <p>Staff will ensure that they themselves are following proper hand hygiene before and after dealing with the injury.</p>
<p>How can you ensure that masks are worn appropriately?</p>	<p>We can't always ensure that they will be worn perfectly but we will do our best. Teachers will consistently be modeling and speaking about proper mask usage and helping students as needed.</p>
<p>What additional support do you have for my child?</p>	<p>We have a Family School Liaison Counsellor that is available. Please speak to your child's teacher or administrator.</p>
<p>My child is afraid that if they get sent home sick, when they come back no</p>	<p>Teachers will consistently be talking to their class about the protocols for our school. Students will know that once kids come back it is because they are healthy to be in the building. They will create an atmosphere of support and understanding, we have all</p>

one will play with them. What should I tell them?	been sick and will probably get sick again in some form or another.
If I choose virtual schooling for my child, is it similar to what we did in the spring?	<p>No.</p> <p>If you have picked to do at home learning your child will receive a plan catering to their needs, (booklets, on-line support etc.) which is negotiated with Mr. Lorne our Principal.</p> <p>A teacher from the Learning Connection and ADLC will be available to you.</p>
What does the end of the day dismissal look like?	Dismissal for buses will be staggered. We will release classes one at a time starting with the kindergarten class working our way up to the grade 9s. Each classroom teacher will escort their class out to the buses.
What will lunch and snack look like?	<p>Students will eat their lunch at their spot in their seating plan. <b>A reminder that there are no microwaves or utensils for your child to use in the school.</b> It is also strongly encouraged for them to bring their own water bottle.</p> <p>Teachers will pick a time that fits into their schedule to allow them to have snacks.</p> <p>It is highly encouraged that you make sure that your child is able to open all of their lunch containers and packages without assistance.</p>
Can my child still read books from the classroom library?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Teachers will be the only ones who will search through their library and grab the books for students but then they will be able to read them. Once students are finished with a book, it will go into a quarantine bin before we return it to the library.</p>
Can my child bring toys from home to play with at recess?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>They can bring toys for recess time but they are the only one who is allowed to play with those toys.</p>
Will my child be punished if they forget these routines?	<p>No.</p> <p>We are here to support and teach your child and we are aware that these routines will take time for everyone to get used to. Teachers will constantly be talking with the class and modeling</p>

	the routines to help students get used to them.
I bought a chromebook for my child for school, should I send it on the first day?	No. Please wait for your child's teacher to ask them to bring them to school.
When will my child get their masks?	Masks will be provided to students on the first day. Bus students must wear a mask to enter the bus.
As a parent, I am feeling disconnected from the school, what should I do?	Know that we are here! Things may look a little different but we still want you to be involved and the school still needs your support.  You can always phone the school to talk with any of us, email us or stop by the school to meet in person (masks will be needed).  Please reach out to us with any questions, we are always glad to talk to you and work through them together.  You can also attend the school council meetings each month.  We will get through this together!

***See below for pictures.***

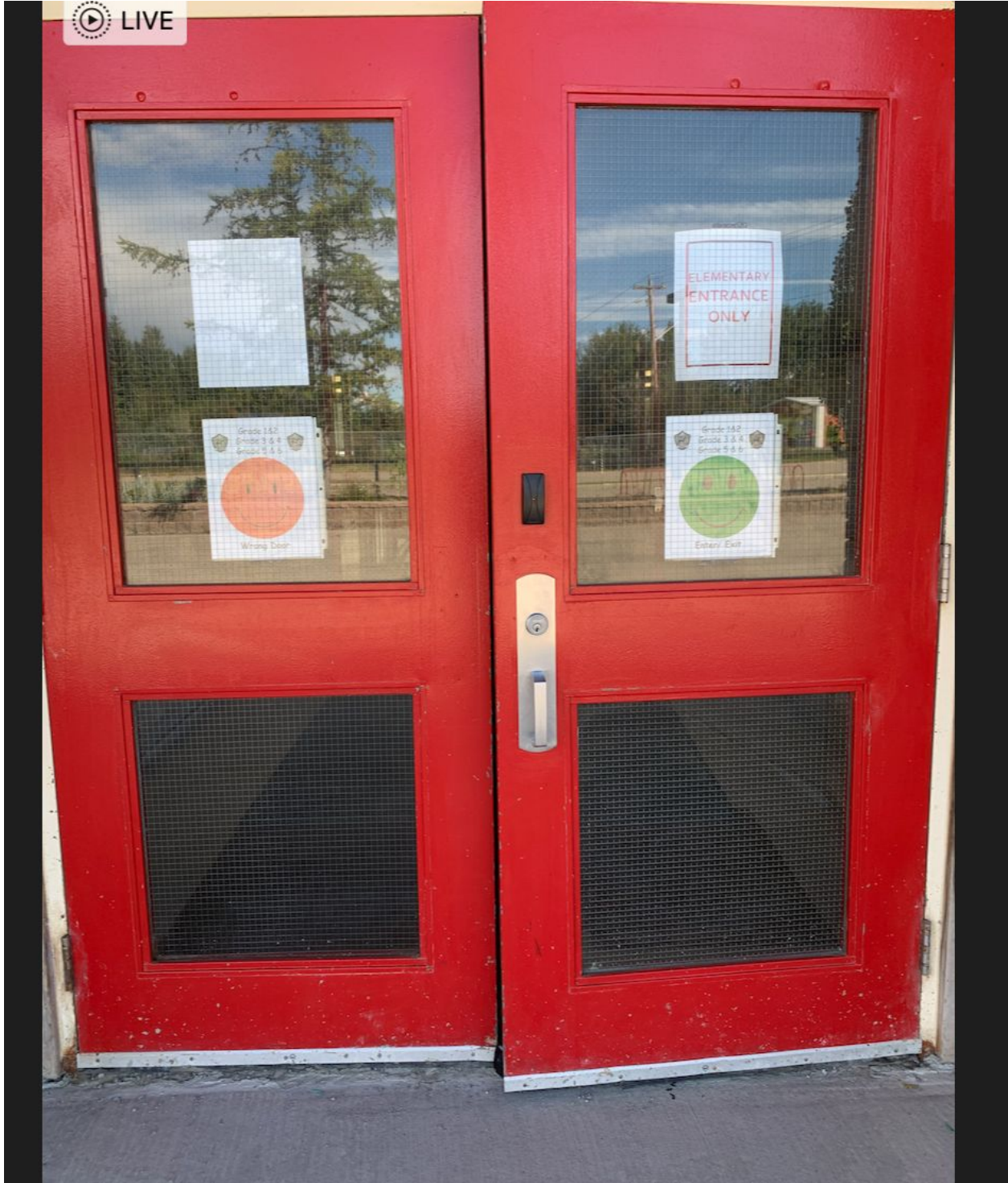
Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Entry and Exit. (Library doors) Entry through the green happy face (right hand side).



Grades 1 - 6 Entry and Exit. Enter through the green happy face door (right hand side).



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Classroom Setup

Although teachers are still in the process of setting up their classrooms, we thought some pictures may help. Below is the grade 3/4 class followed by the 5/6 classroom.

