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Dear parents, guardians, and members of the Lacerte school community. The start of the 2020 school year is being prepared against a backdrop where health, political and economic circumstances change almost daily. Obviously, these unprecedented times evoke a whole range of emotions with everyone, be they parent, educator or student. That being said, we have a responsibility to support our children, who more or less understand what is going on, to experience, recognize and manage their emotions, their concerns, and even their indifference, as to the school experience. which awaits them in September. We can remind our children that all emotions are okay and normal. The important thing is to learn to recognize your emotional state, and to make choices that will lead to a positive physical and psychological state of health. As adults, we need to model calm and resilience, and reassure our children that they are safe and that they are going to have a good day, today.

Pedagogically, at Lacerte School, the foundation of our mission is the development of communication, numeracy and critical thinking skills. At the end of this school year, all our students should have learned and developed during their French, English and math lessons, how to speak, listen, read and write, count, calculate, communicate their learning, and solve problems. These skills are further developed and practiced in natural science, social studies, physical education and music courses.

The importance of our school values is particularly evident when we face challenges. Let's work together to create a francophone community which is inclusive, engaged, respectful and, I add a second R, resilient. Together, we are better equipped to face the challenges that the 2020-2021 school year has in store for us. We're going to be fine today!

We are sharing with you a "frequently asked questions" style document in order to provide certain details in the Back to school guide for parents and guardians that you received on August 24, 2020.

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The administrative team of Lacerte school

Q. What do we mean when we talk about "cohorts"?

A. Each regular class group will be considered a cohort. This will also include the home room teacher, and the other adults who will work in the class, such as the teaching assistant, or possibly a student teacher(K and 2 years), as well as specialists in music and physical education, resource teachers and guidance counselors. The cohorts share a classroom, the same washrooms, a recess area and an entry / exit door.

At Lacerte School, our cohorts number between 17 and 24 students.

The largest cohorts are in the largest class rooms of the school.

We have 19 cohorts in our school.

Q. What is the purpose of operating in cohorts?

A. The goal of the cohorts is to make it possible to maximize the use of physical space in the school while respecting public health guidelines.

Within a cohort, physical distancing can be reduced to a distance of 1 meter, although we always try to maintain a distance of 2 meters when possible.

When specialist teachers enters the cohort, they must note his arrival and departure time, as well as the nature of their intervention.

The cohorts will also allow the public health agency to quickly identify close contacts as needed.

Q. What do I need to do to prepare my child to manage their feelings well before they come to school in September?

A. *You can model physical distancing, mask wearing, hand cleaning, and discuss the specific measures we put in place at Lacerte school.*

You can also view the following documents online:

Autosoins 101 - <https://smho-smso.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Self-Care-101-FR.pdf>

Self-care 101 - <https://smho-smso.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Self-Care-101.pdf>

Unicef : pour chaque enfant- <https://www.unicef.org/fr/coronavirus/veiller-%C3%A0-la-sant%C3%A9-mentale-de-votre-enfant-lors-de-la-reprise-de-l%C3%A9cole-durant-la-pand%C3%A9mie>

COVID-19 Parenting : https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/healthy-parenting/english-tip-6-covid-19-parenting.pdf?sfvrsn=232558c1_8

Q. How do I know if my child is healthy to come to school?

A. *Each morning, please complete this 8 question self-check at home before coming to school. This applies to staff as well as students before coming to school. Here is the link to the questions:*

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

IMPORTANT: It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to screen their children before they arrive at school. Children who are sick should not go to school.

If your child has symptoms, don't send them to school. Let the school know they will be absent. Consult your doctor, or info-santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) for advice on recommended follow-ups.

Q. What happens if my child gets sick or shows symptoms while in school?

A. *Your child will be immediately isolated under adult supervision.*

The school will immediately contact the parents to pick up their child.

Consult your doctor immediately, or Health Links (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) for advice on recommended follow-up.

For more details on this process, please see page 7 of the DSFM Back to School Guide for Parents and Guardians for the health instructions we must follow when a student is ill at school.

Q. Are there school fees this year?

A. *Yes, the school fee is \$ 30 per student for Grades 1-8. These fees cover the cost of a school agenda, materials for art projects, and entrance fees for a school trip.*

The membership fee for kindergarten students is \$ 50 per student. Kindergarten fees include several school items that are unique to kindergarten, in addition to an agenda, art materials and a field trip.

You can pay membership fees by check to École Lacerte, cash or credit card on Munch-a-lunch. If you are paying by check, you can drop an envelope in the school mailbox or send it with your child back to school.

Q. How do I know what day my children are going to school for the start of the September 8 and 9 start?

A. *You will receive an email from school today indicating the day your child enters school. Your children will enter either Tuesday September 8 or Wednesday September 9 only, not both days.*

All Grades 1-8 students will be in school on Thursday September 10th.

Q. Will there be opening conferences this year?

A. *No, there will be no opening conferences like we usually do.*

However, you will receive a short, easy-to-complete online survey that will help your child's teacher better understand some of their needs. You will receive this survey on September 2, 2020.

In addition, you are invited to participate in a virtual public assembly which will take place on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., via the TEAMS platform.

Q. If there are no opening conferences, how are we going to be able to drop off our child's school supplies at school?

A. As we did at the end of the year in June, you will be able to make an appointment on the School Appointments portal to choose a 5-minute block to drop off your supplies at the school on September 3 or 4 if you so desire. You will receive a memo from Ms. Tina for this on Tuesday, September 1st. Please note that students will not have access to a locker and will have to store their materials in their backpacks, which will be stored near their desks.

Q. How will this work for transport and start and end of day transitions?

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o There are three options for your child to attend school:

Option 1: Your child can walk to school alone or with you. If your child walks to school, he may arrive at 8:15 am. He will be leaving school at 3:00 p.m.

- **Option 2:** Transport by car. Please note that carpooling with other families also presents transmission risks.
- You can drive your child to school and drop them off using the bus drop off areas east of the school or the drop off area south of the school after the first wave of bus (between 8:15 am and 8:25 am).
- You can also drive your child and park in the parking lot near the fire station. You will be able to walk with your child to drop him off at school or he can walk alone. This solution is optimal because it reduces the amount of traffic in the lane behind the school.
- - We are reviewing the operation of the patrollers. We may ask for parent volunteers in the morning and at the end of the day.
- - **Option 3:** Transportation by school bus with physical distancing.
- If you choose this option, boarding and drop-off times are now indicated in the parent portal. There will be two waves of transport, so those farthest from the school will be picked up in the first wave.
- Please see page 4 of the DSFM back-to-school guide for parents and guardians for the hygienic instructions that we must follow when transporting by school bus.

- o The auxiliary supervisors will be outside at meeting places designated by class to welcome your child in the morning. There will also be traveling supervisors outside to greet your child and direct him to his teacher's reception area in a safe manner.
- o You cannot enter school during these transition times.
- o When you return to pick up your child at the end of the day, we ask that you to repeat the morning transition process. If you are picking up your child by car, we ask that you arrive at 3:05 pm to allow the buses to leave immediately when all the students have boarded. Your child will be outside in the assembly area with their teacher or assistant. Please arrive on time to ensure an efficient transition. (8:15 am-8:25am in the morning, or 3:05 pm-3:15pm in the afternoon.)
- o Please see the image below showing which front door your child will use depending on their grade level.
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M	3
1e, 2e	2
3e, 4e	1
6e	2
5e, 7e	4
8e	5



Q. What if I have to pick up my child during the school day?

A. If you receive a call from the school to pick up your child during the school day, please come to the school as soon as possible. When you arrive at the school, please call or wait at the front door. There will be a staff member waiting for you with your child. Your child will be able to come out and join you when they see you at the door.

If you have to pick up your child during the school day because of an appointment, etc., please let the school know what time you will be spending. We will do our best to make sure your child is ready to go out when you arrive. You can call the school when you arrive, and we will accompany your child to the main gate where he or she can reach you.

Q. How will recess and the noon hour break work?

A. *The balanced day schedule allows us to have two 30-minute breaks during the day. The recess hours will be as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, grades: 10am and 1pm M, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades: 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. Cohorts will exit one at a time through their designated exit, respecting their cohort's distancing instructions. Each cohort will have a designated area in the schoolyard.*

Mixing of cohorts is not allowed and cohorts must maintain a distance of at least 4 meters between cohorts. There is also the possibility that some middle cycle cohorts may head to Cherry Park for recess. Students will be accompanied by two adult supervisors who will be equipped with a radio to communicate with the school in an emergency. There will also be trained patrollers in each of these cohorts to facilitate the safe crossing at the Autumnwood / Cottonwood intersection. A permission note will be sent to you in September in this regard.

Q. Where will the students eat their snacks and lunch?

A. *Meals are taken in the cohort class and supervision is provided by the classroom assistant.*

Make sure you pack everything your child will need for their meals in a bag for them to take home.

There will be no way to wash dishes at school. Anything that is not thrown away should be returned home and washed before sending it back to school.

There will be no canteen service.

There will be no access to a microwave oven.

There will be no utensils provided by the school.

**** Please note that there will not be an "open campus" for Grades 7 and 8 at noon. Only students who return home for lunch time will be able to leave the schoolyard unattended. These students will have to leave school at 12:30 p.m. and return at 1:25 p.m., as usual.**

Q. Will the water refreshments be accessible?

A. *No. However, there are 4 contactless bottle filling stations in the school.*

To minimize traffic and congestion in the hallways, each student should fill two bottles of water at home before arriving at school and return them home at the end of the day.

The 4 bottle filling stations will be used when the bottles are empty.

Q. Will there be any extracurricular activities this year?

A. *There will be no extracurricular sports between schools. We are exploring our options for intramural sports activities within cohorts. We don't anticipate having these plans in place until the end of October.*

There will be no cultural camps until further notice.

Q. Can community groups use the school in the evening?

A. *No, there will be no evening community activities at Lacerte School until further notice.*

Q. Can visitors or parents enter the school?

A. *All visitors to the school should make an appointment and follow the hygienic instructions posted at the main school entrance as soon as they enter the school. This includes wearing a mask, answering COVID-19 screening / self-assessment questions, disinfecting your hands, and going directly to reception upon arrival or waiting at the designated location if space is occupied and physical distancing of 2 meters is not possible.*

Q. What happens with deliveries and other community services?

A. *Anyone who is not part of the whole school cohort must follow the health guidelines put in place by Manitoba Health.*

Q. How do I communicate with my child's teacher?

A. *We ask that you communicate by phone or email whenever possible. If you have to come to school you should always follow the instructions for all visitors. In case of emergency, please call the school as soon as possible to let us know of your arrival.*

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