

August 6, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Your timely response about September's return to school is **required** to support Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's (DPCDSB) preparations for the safe return of students to its schools. DPCDSB is asking parents and guardians of all students in its schools to provide notice of intention regarding **whether their children will attend in-person learning or online only learning** when schools open in September. Your response can be provided using the [survey link](#).

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education recently announced how publicly-funded schools will open in September. As per provincial direction:

- All Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) **elementary schools will open five days per week**, for five hours of learning, lunch, and recess.
- All DPCDSB **secondary schools will open in an adapted mode**, with reduced student class sizes and students attending in-person classes or online learning in the morning on an alternate day schedule, dismissed to go home at lunch and continue with online learning every afternoon.
- **Masks will be mandatory** for all students in Grades 4 through 12, and for all staff.
- A DPCDSB online learning only option will be made available for students who cannot or prefer not to attend in-person learning. Please ensure you have familiarized yourself with the details relating to online learning (provided in [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document) to inform your decision.

In addition, enhanced health and safety measures and COVID-19 surveillance protocols will be in place to keep everyone safe while at school.

Please refer to the attached [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document, which is also posted on the DPCDSB website, for more information.

Please complete the Return to School survey by **Friday, August 14, 2020**, so that we can account for your child(ren)'s return to school and register them accordingly.

Link to Survey

https://dufferinpeelcatholic.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xTZ7h29uNx16sJ

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