



# THE OXFORD SCHOOL

## WELCOME NEWSLETTER

Dear Oxford School families,

Last year's provincial school closure, the longest of any Canadian jurisdiction, made us appreciate everything we have at the Oxford School even more: simply put, there is no substitute for personal contact between students and teachers, so it's with singular excitement that we send this Back to School message to our families.

We especially welcome thirty-two new students who come to us at every level from Pre-School through Grade 7; we certainly grasp your hopes, even a few fears, of entrusting your children to a new school, and there are several points of contact as you settle in. You will find parents who already have children at the school an invaluable resource, and our wonderful

parent council, the 'Wild Community Connection' (WCC) is here to help you as well. [Click here to learn more about the WCC.](#)

Along with our new students we welcome three new teachers and a school administrator, whom you can read about below.

This summer has seen an unprecedented amount of activity at the school, including planning for Phase 2 classroom construction, and curriculum development in science, reading, and a new early years programme in the Reggio Emilia curriculum from Early Years to Grade One.

Ontario's guidelines for reopening schools call for masks from Grades One through Eight; our protocols start out mostly the

same as last year, although we do have the green light for instrumental music and choir, expanded sports, as well as assemblies in the form of Friday Tea (sans food/drink) We will work out the details of all this at our opening faculty meetings during the week of August 30 to September 3.

We also maintain regular contact with Southwestern Public Health, as well as public and independent schools, to ensure best practices.

In the meantime, we wish all of our families the best in the waning days of summer and hope that more reasonable weather follows.

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## Important Information

### ROUTINE FOR 1ST DAY

Please have your student wear their formal uniform on the first day of school. Students may wear the spring uniform for the rest of September if they wish.

#### School Drop Off Grade 1-8

You may walk your child to their classroom (masks required) for the first week; after that we would ask that you drop your child off outside of the front doors. The Head of School is always there to greet families in the morning.

#### School Drop Off

JK/SK Children can be taken directly to their area at the side of the building. Parents are able to drive directly into the playground area and take their children inside of their classroom on the first week (masks required).

Pre-School children may be taken into their classroom right inside the front door.

#### School Pick Up

JK/SK children are dismissed earlier than the other children in school. The gate will be open at 3:15pm for families to drive in, be announced by radio and pick up their child

from the front of the school.

If your family has siblings in G1-8 please pick up all children in the family at 3:30. Only kindergarten will be available to pick up at 3:15 and we ask that you not arrive before your child's scheduled pick up time. Please click this link to see a brief video of our pick up procedure in action.  
<https://youtu.be/NjQnaQ6kKaE>

### UNIFORMS

Students may wear their gym clothes to school on their scheduled gym days. This occurs 2 times per week per class, this schedule will be provided and

communicated by your child's teacher. This eliminates a need to change at school.

**Learn more about our uniform guidelines:**  
[www.theoxfordschool.ca/uniform-guidelines](http://www.theoxfordschool.ca/uniform-guidelines)

Our WCC runs a clothing swap group on Facebook. It can be found here:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/782770932161320/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/782770932161320/)

**Learn more about where to purchase the school uniform:**  
[www.theoxfordschool.ca/school-uniform](http://www.theoxfordschool.ca/school-uniform)  
[www.mccarthyuniforms.ca](http://www.mccarthyuniforms.ca)



## ... important information (continued)



### GYM SHIRT & SPIRIT WEAR ORDERING

New students will be sorted into their houses at school, we are looking forward to this in early September.

Our school office hours on August 30th to September 3rd 9am-3pm for anyone looking to pick up gym shirts. Please call ahead to check stock.

[Click here to view and download an "Apparel Order Form"](#).

### RETURN OF MATERIALS NOT RECEIVED

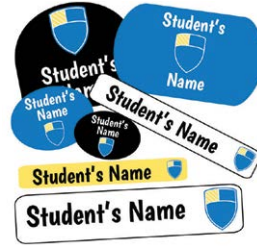
If you still have your child's mailbag please return as we re-use these year over year.

Please ensure all instruments and Chromebooks have been returned.

### LOVABLE LABEL FUNDRAISER

Please label all of your child's belongings and clothing.

High quality labels can be purchased through our fundraising connection with Lovable Labels via the following link: [www.OxfordSchool.lovablelabels.ca](http://www.OxfordSchool.lovablelabels.ca)



### CALENDAR

[Click here to view and download an overview of the 2021/2022 school year.](#)

Please note that we are excited for Phase 2 of our classroom and lab to be completed and we expect a day off when we are able to move into phase 2.

Subscribe to the TOS calendar: [www.theoxfordschool.ca/subscribecalendar](http://www.theoxfordschool.ca/subscribecalendar)

### CLASSROOM DOJO

Our updated calendar items can be found as reminders on our Classroom Dojo Application (please get in the habit of checking this daily).

Parents who were already connected last year will be connected to their new classroom by their child's teacher.

Families new to the school will receive email notification and set-up instructions at the beginning of September.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before School care starts anytime after 7:15am, and operates until the start of the school day at 9:00am.

After School care runs from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

This program is available for JK-G8 students and only by signing up in advance by August 30, 2021. Please forward both the "Before and After School Care Application Form" and the "Before and After School Care Booking Form" to [info@theoxfordschool.ca](mailto:info@theoxfordschool.ca)

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## STUDENT MATERIALS NEEDED

### PRE-SCHOOL

- Lunch/snacks and spill proof refillable water bottle.
- Indoor/outdoor shoes.
- Spare "just in case" seasonally appropriate clothes including socks/underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Diapering supplies i.e.: wipes, diapers/pull ups if necessary.
- Comfort items for nap time: snuggly blanket and cuddle toy to be left at school (Other toys are discouraged to be brought to school).
- Mask & spare mask.

### JUNIOR AND SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

- Lunch/snacks and spill proof refillable water bottle.
- Indoor dress shoes, gym shoes, & outdoor shoes.
- Spare "just in case" seasonally appropriate clothes including socks/underwear.
- Sun hat.
- Mask & spare mask.

### GRADE 1 - GRADE 3

- Lunch/snacks and spill proof refillable water bottle.
- Indoor dress shoes, gym shoes, & outdoor shoes.
- Pencil case with: pencil, pen, ruler and eraser, glue stick, coloured pencils/markers.
- Mask & spare mask.
- Hand sanitizer for their desk.

### GRADE 4 – GRADE 8

- Lunch/snacks and refillable water bottle.
- Indoor dress shoes, gym shoes, & outdoor shoes.
- Pencil case with: pencils, pens, coloured pencil crayons/markers, glue stick, ruler, pair of scissors, eraser, scientific calculator and math set kit (protractor set).
- Binders for work (suggest 2 x 1.5") with subject tabs (no bulky zipped folders).
- Mask & spare mask.
- Hand sanitizer for their desk.