



GENERAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL GUIDELINES

2020

Many teachers, caregivers, and students have conflicting feelings about the return to school in September 2020. In addition to mandatory risk mitigation guidelines, these strategies support increased developmental and physical safety.

Be open, honest, and direct with children. Involve them in the conversation.

Pay attention in holistic ways to how behaviours may be related to COVID experiences

Seek to understand how COVID have affected learning differently for different kids.

Model. Normalize mask wearing, distancing. Prevent PPE shaming among kids.

Air High-Fives All Day. Every Day.

Use fun language to ensure safety: Ex: 'Don't be a space invader'

For young children use hula hoops or other creative ways for seating arrangements.

Be flexible and creative; it's going to be an ever-evolving reality.

Be empathetic to others, while balancing self-care.