



# ERRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Dear Families,

The much anticipated class placements have been finalized and the children will be settling into their new classrooms for their first day. As we have previously communicated, students in Grades 1-4 (along with the Grade 5's in Mrs. Spencer-Dahl's class) will be coming tomorrow (Thursday, September 10, 2020). Students in Grades 5-7 (not Mrs. Spencer-Dahl's Grade 4/5 class) will be coming on Friday, September 11, 2020.

This afternoon you should have received an email with information about your child's class placement. If for some reason you did not receive a letter, it means that we do not have your correct email address on file. Please contact the EES office if you have NOT received your class placement email.

The process of organizing classes is a complex one. The staff have spent many hours and have made all the decisions with thought and care. The following are some of the criteria we follow when making decisions:

- Individual learning styles, strengths and needs
- Continuity of learning and relationships in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Social and personal characteristics
- Balance of boys and girls
- Ministry of Education class size and compositions requirements
- Peer relationships
- Enrolment changes
- Parent input

We are confident in the decisions made this year and are excited to move forward with our new learning communities. While existing social connections are considered, new groupings allow children to have a wider circle of friends.

Resiliency is a skill built by experiences, and we understand that some children may feel initial disappointment. We ask that you discuss with your child the careful process that teachers and staff go through in placing them into classes. Acknowledge their feelings and help them to move forward in a positive way by encouraging them. Thank you for your support in preparing your child for a positive transition on their first scheduled day.

There is a map on the back of the letter your child brought home today that shows where classrooms are. Teachers have also placed a sign in their outside window that shows their name and room number.

If you have any concerns about your child's placement, please speak with your child's teacher about your child's strengths, needs and interests.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sheila Morrison, Principal