



Parent* **Handbook** **(For IET Program)**

2026-2027

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*In this document 'Parent' refers to Parent or Guardian

2026/2027 School Year Calendar



First day of school for Year 1 Kindergarten (JK) students



First day of school for Year 2 Kindergarten (SK) and Grade 1 students

MONTH	First Week					Second Week					Third Week					Fourth Week					Fifth Week					
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	
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December 2026		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 B	22 B	23 B	24 B	25 B
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March 2027	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15 B	16 B	17 B	18 B	19 B	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
April 2027				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
May 2027	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
June 2027		1	2	3	4 P	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

* - Family Meetings
 P - Professional Activity Day
 H - Statutory Holiday
 B - Board Designated Holiday

The last day of school for all students is Monday, June 28, 2027

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bloorview School! Staff and parents are partners in education, and we encourage you to become as involved as possible in your child's education. Communication between home and school is an important aspect of Bloorview School. We ask that you use this 'Communication Book' to share any information necessary for the day, and the classroom team will do the same.

We trust the information gathered in this Parent Handbook will help you get better acquainted with Bloorview School Authority (BSA). The handbook outlines important information regarding school procedures and Board policies. As well, you will find general information you will need for everyday life at Bloorview. The information is organized alphabetically for easy reference throughout the school year.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or need more information.

Sarah Nauman
Principal

Kathryn Marcus
Vice Principal

Telephone Numbers

School Office.....(416) 424-3831
(Open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday)

Fax Number (416) 425-2981

Safe Arrival/Attendance Verification Program**(416) 424-3831**
(Answering machine before and after office hours)

School Website:

www.bloorviewschool.ca

School Hours	
Morning Classes Begin	9:00 am
Lunch / Self-Directed Play	11:40 am – 1:00 pm
Afternoon Classes Begin	1:00 pm
Dismissal	3:20 pm

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Acronyms used at Bloorview School Authority

AAC	Augmented and Alternative Communication
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADP	Assistive Devices Program
AFO	Ankle Foot Orthotic
AODA	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
BSA	Bloorview School Authority
CDA	Communication Disorder Assistant
DBI	Deaf Blind Intervenor
DPA	Daily Physical Activity
EA	Education Assistant
HBKRH	Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital
HCC	Hospital Client Classroom
IEP	Individual Education Plan
IET	Integrated Education and Therapy Program
IPRC	Identification Placement and Review Committee
NHA	Noon Hour Assistant
NHS	Noon Hour Supervisor
OHaH	Ontario Health at Home
OSR	Ontario Student Record
OA	Office Administrator
OT	Occupational Therapist
OTA	Occupational Therapist Assistant
PT	Physiotherapist
PTA	Physiotherapist Assistant
SEA	Specialized Equipment Amount
SLP	Speech and Language Pathologist
SST	School Support Team
STL	School Transition Liaison Teacher
TELT	Technology Enabled Teaching and Learning Teacher

Accessibility

It is the policy of Bloorview School Authority to provide an environment that builds independence, dignity and respect for our students, parents/guardians, the public and our staff. Further, we are committed to giving people with disabilities the same opportunity of access to our services in the same location and in a similar way as these services are available to all others we serve.

Attendance

Safe Arrival/Late Arrival

Parents/guardians are asked to please call the school office (416-424-3831) as early as possible if a student will be late or absent. If the school is not aware as to why a child is absent, a member of the school office staff will make every effort to contact the family. Please be sure that all contact information, including emergency contacts is up-to-date.

If a child is arriving at school later than 12:00 p.m., it is the responsibility of the parent to feed the child lunch.

Picking up your child for appointments

If you need to pick up your child early for an appointment, please make sure you write a note in the communication book so the classroom team is aware. This will allow us to make sure your child is ready when you arrive (and not on a walk in the community!).

Please note it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the bus company and the school when their child is ill or when there will be a change with drop off/pick up routines.

Awards Assemblies

During the school year, three school-wide assemblies are held to recognize our students. We will inform you if your child is receiving an award in advance, so you can plan to attend.

Busing (please see Transportation)

Celebrating Special Occasions

We love to celebrate at Bloorview, but please note that we are not able to bring in outside food (i.e. cakes, cupcakes) due to the complex feeding needs of many of our students. Classroom teams do a wonderful job acknowledging the birthday student, and families do not need to send anything in. If, however, you would like to send something in please make sure it is a non-food item.

Clothing

Please remember that children are engaged in lots of hands-on learning and clothing may get messy! An extra set of clothing and shoes kept at school is recommended. Outdoor play is an essential part of the school day for IET students. Children should be dressed according to weather conditions. Students go outside in all weather conditions unless the temperature or wind chill falls below -15C.

Code of Conduct/Expectations

The standards of behaviour outlined in the Bloorview School Authority Code of Conduct shall apply to all members of the school community, including students, parents/guardians, teachers and other school staff, Board members, volunteers and visitors:

- on school property;
- while travelling on a school bus;
- in off-site school-sponsored activities; or

- In circumstances where engaging in an activity will have an impact on the school climate.

Bloorview School is a safe and nurturing community. Together we ensure that all members of our school community are treated with respect and dignity. We maintain an environment in which conflict and differences are addressed. These expectations for staff, students and parents/guardians serve as a reminder to all school community members of the responsibilities required to maintain our positive school environment.

Expectations for Students, Parents/Guardians and Staff

- Respect and comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws
- Be treated with respect and treat others with respect
- Be in a safe physical environment
- Participate in, support, and provide an appropriate program for each student
- Follow Bloorview School Authority and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital routines and policies
- Be supported in a school that is sensitive to different needs
- Maintain regular and meaningful communication

Roles and Responsibilities of Staff

- Maintain a safe and secure educational environment
- Model respectful and responsible behaviour
- Assist students to work to their full potential and develop their self-worth
- Communicate regularly and meaningfully with parents/guardians
- Maintain consistent standards of behaviour for all students
- Prepare students for the responsibilities of citizenship
- Dress appropriately in a manner consistent with the Bloorview School Authority dress code

Roles and Responsibilities of Students

- Come to school prepared, on time and ready to learn
- Show respect for themselves, their fellow students and those in authority at school, on field trips and on school buses
- Refrain from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety or well-being of others or themselves
- Respect the property of the school and of others, including personal equipment and belongings
- Follow the established rules:
 - Be a good friend
 - Wait for your turn
 - Keep your hands and feet to yourself
 - Stop, look and listen
 - Act safely
- Take responsibility for their actions
- Follow the Bloorview School Authority dress code and electronic devices code

Roles and Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians

- Support the efforts of school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning

- environment for all students
- Show an active interest in their child's schoolwork and progress
- Communicate regularly with the school
- Help their child be appropriately dressed and prepared for school
- Have their child prepared for bus pick-up, if applicable
- Ensure their child attends school regularly
- Report to the school promptly their child's absence or late arrival
- Participate in parent-guardian/teacher conferences and transition planning meetings

Communication with Parents/Guardians

During the school year, parents/guardians are kept informed through email, and the school website. Parents/guardians may communicate by phone, email, or by writing in the communication book.

Please note:

1. During the day the teachers are focused on the students and may not check emails. Any information necessary for the day should be written in the communication book and in case of emergencies, parents/guardians should call the school office at 416-424-3831.
2. BSA must hear students updates directly from parents/guardians. Please do not relay information through a third party (i.e. child's 1:1 nurse, bus driver).

Conflict of Interest

To help maintain confidentiality and to avoid conflicts of interest, staff are not permitted to interact, outside of school related issues, in any professional or voluntary capacity with students or families whose children currently attend Bloorview School. For example, providing respite care or tutoring.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is held virtually in October. It is an opportunity for parents/guardians to hear from their child's teacher(s) and to learn about the classroom program for the year. The link to the Ontario Curriculum is <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca>

Custody (please see Parenting Orders)

Daily Physical Activity (DPA)

Outdoor learning is an essential part of the school day. Students should be dressed according to weather conditions. Outdoor learning will take place in temperatures - 15C and above. In the winter, children need boots, gloves and hats. In the warmer weather students need sun hats, and unscented cream or stick sunscreen that can be applied prior to outdoor activities. Please note, sunscreen aerosol sprays are not permitted in the school.

Dress Code

The following will not be permitted:

- Clothing with offensive or suggestive slogans, symbols or words (i.e. any clothing that displays sexual behaviour or discrimination toward gender, sexual orientation, race, creed, ethnicity or religion)
- Footwear that is unsafe (e.g., flip-flops)

Duty to Report Abuse or Neglect

The *Child and Family Services Act* requires reasonable suspicions of abuse or neglect of children to be reported to a Children's Aid Society. The responsibility to report lies with the person (employee, volunteer, and parent/guardian) who receives the disclosure or who suspects abuse or neglect.

Email Address for Parents/Guardians

Please ensure that we have up to date email addresses. Email addresses will not be shared with any other organization. Arrangements will be made with families without access to email.

Emergency Drills

Fire drills, and other drills (e.g., lock down, evacuation drills) are practiced at Bloorview School throughout the year in partnership with Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital.

Emergency Information

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that the school has the most current contacts and emergency information. If you are away and your child is in someone else's care, please provide the classroom teacher and/or the office with written instructions indicating the person to call in case of an emergency. **Please contact the school office at (416) 424- 3831 should any changes occur during the year.**

Extended Absences

Students absent from school for extended periods for reasons other than illness and religious or school holidays may risk their continued participation in the program.

Illness

Students with symptoms of any illness should not attend school. Students may return when they are symptom/fever free for 24 hours (or 48 hours for gastrointestinal issues).

Students who are ill must be picked up by a parent/guardian as soon as possible.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Students may have an Individual Education Plan to address their unique learning needs. This plan will be written in consultation with parents/guardians. Parents/guardians will be contacted before an IEP is created to provide input. IEPs are updated throughout the year.

Interpreters

We have access to interpreters in different languages. Please let us know if an interpreter is required.

Latex Safe Environment

We are a latex safe environment. Staff and students are asked not to bring any items containing latex to school (e.g., balloons).

Library Learning Commons

All students visit our library weekly and can borrow books to bring home.

Lunch and Snack

IET Students will be supervised during snack and lunch in their classrooms. Students need to bring a lunch and two healthy snacks daily.

Lunch bags and containers should be labelled with the child's name. To encourage independence, we suggest sending easy-to-open containers. To help prevent choking, food should be cut into bite-size pieces. Lunches and snacks are not to include nut or peanut products.

Medication

Specific procedures regarding the Administration of Medication and Plans of Care for Prevalent Medical Conditions are available from the school. Medication can only be administered during the school day once a form has been completed and signed by a doctor. An EpiPen, if required, should be carried by the student in a pouch or case. Any changes to medication must be communicated to the school nurse immediately.

Nut Safe Environment

We have a **NUT** and **PEANUT SAFE** environment at Bloorview School Authority. Lunches and snacks are not to include nut or peanut products. If you are sending a product that resembles peanut butter (i.e. a soy butter such as Wowbutter) please label it clearly.

Nursing

BSA School Nurse

The BSA School Nurse is an employee of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab who provides consultative nursing services in adherence with both hospital and BSA policies. The nurse may access health records in accordance with PHIPA and hospital guidelines.

One to One Nursing

One to one nursing is not provided or arranged by the school, and when needed is provided by Ontario Health at Home. If your child has 1:1 nursing, please be aware that information regarding a child's medical profile must be communicated directly from family to school staff. BSA is not able to receive medical information or updates from the 1:1 nurse.

Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) Teams

The Occupational and Physical Therapists and the therapy assistants (OTA and PTA) that work with BSA students are employed by Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital (Holland Bloorview) and not BSA and therefore have access to your child's electronic medical record in accordance with PHIPA and hospital guidelines.. Each classroom is assigned an OT, PT, and 2 therapy assistants. Based on assessments and parent-informed goals, your child may receive individual and/or group based interventions.

Documentation

OTs and PTs are required to document all assessment results and progress notes in your child's hospital electronic medical record according to the Holland Bloorview policy for documentation.. Copies of documentation can be accessed by family at any time by contacting:

- Connect2Care portal (see website link: [connect2care - Holland Bloorview's Family Health Care Information Portal | Holland Bloorview](#)) or
- Health Information Management (HIM) department 416-425-6220 ext. 3422 or email: releaseofinformation.requests@hollandbloorview.ca

Communication

OTs and PTs are responsible for ensuring all families have information regarding assessment results, intervention plans and progress. This information is typically shared with families verbally during phone contact or at parent/guardian team meetings. Parents/Guardians should feel free to communicate with their therapists as often as they need to.

Holland Bloorview has a policy for email communication guided by PHIPA (Personal Health Information Privacy Act). Therapists may use email as a means of communicating with parents, if convenient for the family, and if families accept the risk of breach of confidentiality.

Parent/Guardian Concerns

Throughout the school year, parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if they have any classroom-based concerns, and therapists for therapy-based concerns. If the problem remains unresolved, the Principal/Vice Principal will then become involved. For busing concerns please see *Transportation*.

Parenting Orders (formally Custody)

Copies of current Parenting Orders, must be provided to the school. Information is kept in a student's Ontario School Record (OSR). Any changes to Parenting Orders (decision making and contact) needs to be communicated immediately to the school.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Pediculosis is a nuisance rather than a health hazard. Parents/guardians will be notified if their child has lice. Children should be treated at home. If lice is discovered while at home please inform the school office at 416-424-3831.

Photographs/Media Consent

Every year, a professional photographer comes to Bloorview to take pictures of our students. Parents/guardians have an opportunity to purchase photo packages from the photographer.

During the school year, pictures or videos of children may be taken for classroom updates, our school specialty subject website or to be displayed in the school. A permission form for school use of photographs is part of the registration package that all families complete upon admission.

Policies and Procedures

All our policies and procedures can be found on our school's website.

Psychology Services

The school employs a psychologist to support students in the IET program as needed. The psychologist may provide assessment and consultation services through our IET Team meetings for the purpose of programming and transition planning. Not all students will receive an assessment. Priority is given to students who are not able to access the curriculum and may need an alternative placement in their community district school board.

Public Health Guidelines

We are located within Holland Bloorview and follow guidance from Holland Bloorview and Toronto Public Health. Please note that we follow the guidance for high-risk settings which may be more stringent than guidelines for other schools.

Religious Accommodation

If religious accommodation is needed, please advise the principal in writing at the beginning of the school year. Bloorview School will take all reasonable steps to provide accommodations.

Reporting to Parents/Guardians

Parents/guardians will receive written reports on student progress three times a year. Parent/guardian and educator conferences will take place in November and February. Other meetings may be arranged throughout the year and may be initiated by parents/guardians or teachers. Meetings may be held virtually or in person dependent on parent preference and public health guidelines.

Research and Student Interns

Research is encouraged and supported within our classrooms. Parents/guardians are advised prior to the commencement of any formal research and are asked to sign a permission form allowing their child to participate. Child and parent/guardian confidentiality is observed and maintained. Our school also provides unique professional learning experiences through practicum placements, internships and co-op assignments to university and college students.

Scent Free Environment

Staff, students and visitors should not be wearing products that have a scent. Items such as strongly scented cut flowers or plants are not permitted within the school.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Bloorview School Authority awards bursaries for post-secondary studies to students with disabilities who meet specified criteria. More information is available on the school's website.

School Closure / Busing Cancellation

Busing Cancellation

If busing is cancelled due to severe weather, this information will be announced from 6:30 onward on radio at 680AM, on TV on CP24 and on X at TSTG@TOSchoolbus. BSA will remain open unless a school closure is called. (Please note: buses to BSA from York Region will also be cancelled when Toronto buses are cancelled).

School Closure

If **all** schools in Toronto District School Board close due to inclement weather, Bloorview School will also be closed. This will be communicated as above.

If Bloorview School closes due to a site emergency (gas leak, health epidemic) communication will be by email, and by phone call if necessary. In this instance, we would cancel transportation services.

School Council

Our school council is an important forum for involving parents in matters that impact the education of our students. The BSA council is made up of parents/guardians, and community members. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend our school council meetings. Meetings will be held virtually or in person, during the day or after school, dependent on the preference of the council members.

School Mascot and Logo

The School Council initiated a project in 2016 to create a School Mascot and Logo. Through a consultation process and family voting the Butterfly was selected as our mascot. The butterfly is beautiful and unique like our students and reflects the transformation students experience as they reach their full potential. To complement the mascot the logo of **Dream ~ Learn ~ Grow** was adopted.

School Support Team (SST)

The SST meets to discuss the academic and social/emotional concerns of students as needed. The SST is comprised of the school administrator, teachers, as well as professionals such as therapists, psychologists or other outside personnel who provide support. Parental permission is required and parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

Speech and Language Therapy Teams

In the IET program, speech and language services are provided by two speech-language pathologists (SLP). A communicative disorders assistant (CDA) works with our SLPs to support students and teachers in specialized communication programming. Direct intervention and consultative service are available for students with identified communication needs.

Technology

Students have access to iPads, Interactive Whiteboards, laptops and Chromebooks, as well as the use of Alternative Access Devices.

Toileting

For IET students, any items needed for toileting (e.g., creams, diapers, wipes, catheterization equipment), are to be provided by the parents/guardians. Please send diapers or pullups with side tab closures to allow staff to change your child without having to remove clothing or AFOs. Parent/guardians must demonstrate any specialized procedures (e.g., catheterization) to the school team annually. Educational Assistants are trained to provide support.

Transportation

Transportation is provided by a consortium and BSA has no control over busing decisions (bus routes, pickup/drop off times).

Information regarding transportation for students in:

- Toronto can be found at www.torontoschoolbus.org
- York Region can be found at schoolbuscity.com

During inclement weather information regarding bus cancellations can be found on the above noted websites.

Transportation Expectations

Parents/guardians must be at the bus pick-up and drop-off location at least ten minutes ahead of the scheduled time. Parents/guardians are responsible for getting their child on and off the bus. Bus drivers are not permitted to assist. Parents/guardians must notify the bus company and the school if their child is not taking the bus.

Students not using school transportation should be dropped off between 8:30AM – 9:00AM and picked up at the end of the day at 3:20PM. Parents may park in one of the three designated pick-up spots. If there is no spot available you can circle around, park in the parking lot free of charge for 20 minutes, or park in a street parking spot. Please do not double-park.

Transportation and Medical Information

Bus companies receive copies of the completed Transportation Application Forms. The only medical information they will receive is the information that you recorded on the AODA section of this form. If there have been any changes, or you feel that the information was not detailed enough please contact Melissa in our office to update your child's form.

Volunteering

We welcome volunteers at BSA. All volunteers are trained and vetted through Volunteer Services in the hospital.

If you are interested in volunteering on an ongoing and regular basis, please register with Volunteer Services at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. Volunteer Services can be reached at (416) 425-6220 ext. 7031.

Who to call

If there are changes or you have questions about:	Please contact:
** If you need to share urgent information during the school day**	CALL – 416 424-3831 and speak to someone in the office. Please do not e-mail urgent time sensitive information to your child's team.
Feeding Communication Devices Speech/Language Therapy	Your child's Speech and Language Pathologist: Moir – moirakaminker@bloorviewschool.ca Libby – libbynew@bloorviewschool.ca
Medical Information Medication G-Tube feeds	Our School Nurse: David – davidbaguilat@bloorviewschool.ca
Seating Occupational Therapy Physiotherapy	Your child's therapists OTs Laura – lfranks@hollandbloorview.ca Leanda – lbarbisan@hollandbloorview.ca PTs Andrea N – anorton@hollandbloorview.ca Andrea R – arabel@hollandbloorview.ca
Transitions to a Community School	Our School Transition Liaison: Robyn - robynyoung-guneratna@bloorviewschool.ca
Busing	Our Office Administrator: Melissa – Melissasublett@bloorviewschool.ca
Student Absences	CALL – 416 424-3831 and leave a message in the office.

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