

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In response to the Premier's Task Force on Educational Outcomes, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will introduce a new Primary–Elementary Initiative. Phase one of this initiative will begin in September 2018 in schools that have student populations including Kindergarten to Grade 6. We are pleased to inform you that our school has been selected as one of forty schools that will begin this initiative during the 2018-19 school year.

As part of this initiative, a new policy, Responsive Teaching and Learning, will guide school personnel as they work together to support the learning needs of all students. This policy will outline a tiered approach to learning and guide how students access services.

This initiative will generate change in practice and resources. It is designed to promote a positive school environment and to increase student achievement. Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, our staff will avail of additional professional learning opportunities that support responsive teaching and learning and collaborative practices included in this new initiative.

To accommodate two days of professional learning for school staff on this new primary-elementary initiative, school will open for students on Friday, September 7th.

More information on the Primary-Elementary Initiative can be found here:

http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/pdf/QandAsForParents_final.pdf

2018-19 School Year at St. Teresa's School

This September we will have two combined grade classes at St. Teresa's School. There will be a grade 1 / 2 combined class as well as a combined grade 5/6 combined class. We have had great success with our combined classes. When you arrive on the first day of school in September, class lists will be posted by classroom doors. If you have any questions about combined grades, please let us know. There is an information sheet for parents/guardians that can be found online at

http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/pdf/combined_grades.

If you need us to print a copy please let us know.

School Lunch and KES Breakfast club will not be starting the first week. We will communicate the start up dates in September.