

Lord Aylmer Re-Opening Guide 2025-2026

August 22, 2025

Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s),

We hope that you have enjoyed this beautiful summer and spent time with family and friends. Our mission statement is Inspiring Learners to Succeed: our best, always! We look forward to continuing this trend of success while fostering a sense of community and a love for learning with every student.

LORD AYLMER STAFF 25-26

Teaching Staff

Kindergarten	English	French Immersion	Specialists
Kelly Ross (K4)	Colleen Cowen (Cycle 1.1)	Cindy Jeammes (Cycle	Maria Bosley (Resource)
Jennifer Oakley (K4)	Kierra Shaw (Cycle 1.1)	1.1)	Annick Chasse
Natalie Howard (K5)	Jenna Querengesser	Caroline Savignac (Cycle	(FSL/ARTS)
Annabelle MacIntosh	(Cycle 1.1/1.2)	1.1)	Shawn Smith
(K5)	Heather Sedawey (Cycle	Marie-Josee Guidon	(FSL/ARTS)
Sara Leclair (K5-FI)	1.2)	(Cycle 1.1/1.2)	Filipe Da Silva (PHYS.
Rebecca Dawe (K5-FI)	Jessica Simon (Cycle 2.1)	Melodie Le Pailleur-Petit	ED - JR
Tracy Britt (K5-FI)	Isabelle Lecuyer (Cycle	(Cycle 1.2)	Megan Kuchinsky
	2.1)	Allison Ensom (Cycle 2.1)	(Resource)
	Mark McDonald (Cycle	Stephanie Demers (Cycle	Ellen Luker (Resource)
	2.2)	2.1)	Anni Preslawski
	Heather Wilfong (Cycle	Melissa Russell (Cycle	(FSL/ARTS)
	2.2)	2.1/2.2)	Hayette Fares (FSL)
	Mason Emslie (Cycle 3.1)	Grace Moore (Cycle	Eugene Contreras
	Charlotte Fowler (Cycle	2.1/2.2)	(PHYS. ED - SR)
	3.1/3.2)	Andrea Cobham (Cycle	Alanna McIntyre
	Lynn Kearns (Cycle 3.2)	3.1)	(Resource)
	Jenn Peddie (Cycle 3.2)	Melanie Leclair (Cycle	Sophie Rossignol
		3.1)	(Science/CCQ)
		Ysabelle Boulet (Cycle	Lynn Ladouceur
		3.2)	(Kindergarten Specialist)
		Victoria Barrett (Cycle	Varun Bangia
		3.2)	(Specialized Classroom)

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Support Staff

Tanya McCormick (School Organization Technician)

Julie Belisle (Daycare Technician)

Karen Comfort (School Secretary)

Paula Savescu (Office Agent)

Michelle Macdonald (Special Education

Technician)

Alicia Duperron (Special Education Technician)

Wendy Larin (Special Education Technician)

Michelle Black (Special Education Technician)

Jenna Robertson (Special Education Technician)

Heather Beresford (Special Education Technician)

Sophie Rossignol (Special Education Technician)

Sylvie Urgolo (Special Education Technician)

Amanda Belair (Daycare/Classroom Assistant)

Amanda Bulhoes (Attendant/Student Supervisor)

Liz Fehr (Attendant)

Ashley Barry (Attendant/Daycare)

Jessi Dal Grande (Daycare/Classroom Assistant)

Gabriela Gonzalez (Attendant/Daycare)

Laiha Poole (Attendant/Student Supervisor)

Amy-Lee Wiebenga (Attendant/Daycare)

Kati Kaubisch (Attendant/Daycare)

Angele Duval-Belanger (Student Supervisor)

Margaret Kelly (Student Supervisor)

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Linda Maurice (Student Supervisor)

Janet Smith (Classroom Assistant/Daycare)

Aron Masilingi (Attendant/Daycare)

Diane Gravel (Daycare)

Patti-Lee McCormick (Daycare)

Christina Renaud-Lang (Classroom

Assistant/Daycare)

Jodi Tubman (Daycare/Attendant)

Catherine Larche (Daycare)

Ashley Shea (Attendant/Daycare)

Chastity-Taylor Steadman (Classroom

Assistant/Daycare)

Barbra Valade (Attendant/Student Supervisor)

Mustafa Kouki (Classroom Assistant/Daycare)

Ashley Reed (Attendant/Student Supervisor)

Chelsey Chartrand (Attendant/Daycare)

Madison Lamy (Attendant/Student Supervisor)

Cassy Findlay (Attendant/Daycare)

Adrienne Flemming (Attendant)

Shelley Dompierre (Daycare/Classroom Assistant)

Laurie Gunn (Classroom Assistant/Daycare)

Nicholas Mazzuca (Classroom

Assistant/Attendant/Daycare)

Charlene Morrison (Daycare/Classroom Assistant)

Lana Runyon (Daycare)

Christine Souliere (Attendant)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROTOCOL

First day of School is August 28th, 2025, for Cycle 1 to Cycle 3 (Grade 1-6).

- Please note that your child's homeroom teacher will contact you by 4:00pm on
 Wednesday, August 27th, to discuss the first day's details and the outside meeting spot.
- To make the first day of school a bit easier for everyone, we will allow parent(s)/guardian(s) to escort their child and stay in the school yard for the first 20 minutes of school. Each homeroom will be assigned a specific area at the back of our school yard. This information will be released when your child's homeroom teacher contacts you. This way, you can meet your child's teacher and say hello for a few minutes and then say goodbye to your child. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will not be allowed in the school. We will be out in the yard at 7:40am.

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- Please note that Hannah and I will not be available to meet or discuss class placements or any other request on the first day of school; however, we would be happy to connect by appointment or email to address any questions or concerns in a timely manner.
- INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN -
 - Please be prepared for inclement weather- we will be outside rain or shine. Please dress appropriately.
 - Staff will be wearing L.A. swag and posted at entrances to assist and help guide anyone who needs it.
- For all kindergarten groups: K4 and K5, the schedule was communicated to you by Karen Comfort by telephone.
- The below provides further detail
 - Thursday, August 28th, 2025: meeting with teachers by appointment parent/guardian AND child are encouraged to attend.
 - Please report to the JR office, a staff member will check you in.
 - The kindergarten cohort will then embark on a staggered entry to school. Each child will be assigned to either **Group A or Group B.**
 - o Friday, August 29th, 2025: Group A will attend school- Group B will stay home.
 - o Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025: Group B will attend school- Group A will stay home.
 - Wednesday, September 3rd: ALL kindergarten students will attend school.

DAILY ARRIVAL

- **Bussers:** Students will exit the bus and make their way to the supervised yard (approx. 7:45am-JR / 7:50am-SR).
- Walkers: If they are not attending Daycare, students are asked to arrive after 7:45am (JR)/7:50am (SR) and enter the school yard, once there is adult supervision. *Please note that supervision is NOT provided beforehand*
- **Drop-Off:** Parents will drop off their child(ren) at the front of the school. **S**tudents will enter the supervised yard at 7:45am (JR)/ 7:50am (SR). At the bell, all students will be escorted into the building and make their way to class.
- *NEW* If your child arrives AFTER the bell (8:00am at JR Campus & 8:05am at SR Campus, you MUST park and escort your child(ren) into the building and sign them in. This is a safety protocol.

DAILY DISMISSAL

Unless your child is registered for Daycare, there is no after school supervision

- **Bussers:** Will make their way out of the building and line up at their designated bus line.
- **Walkers:** Will make their way out of the building through the front entrance and off school property.

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- *NEW* SR Pick-Up: All parents/guardians will park in the upper parking lot OR on an adjacent street. Parent(s) & Guadian(s) will pick up their children at the front entrance of the building. A staff member will greet you and you will be required to show one valid piece of Government Issued Identification. You will be required to sign-out your child daily. Once the sign-out procedure is complete, your child(ren) will be released.
 - o Pick-Up will NOT be granted or supervised at the back entrance of the school.
 - Alternatively, if you do not want to go through this process, you can change your child's end of day routine to "walker" and your child(ren) will be released out of the front entrance of the school, and it will be your sole responsibility to meet your child(ren). *Please meet your child OFF school property and do not gather at the front entrance, so as not to impede the pick-up process*

• JR Pick-Up:

- Pick-Up will occur at the front entrance of the school. Parents/Guardians should be lined up in a single file.
- All parents/guardians must park either in the designated parent/guardian parking lot (left side of the school) OR on an adjacent street.
- o The right-side door (when facing the school) will be the entrance for parents/guardians to enter. The left side door (when facing the school) will be the exit for parents/guardians to leave with their signed-out child(ren).
- o Parents/Guardians will be let into the lobby of the school one at a time.
- O Parents/Guardians will enter the lobby and sign-out their child(ren). Please note that government issued identification will be required during pick-up.
- o Students will be released one-by-one.
- o Daycare students cannot be released or called until pick-up is complete.
- O Alternatively, if you do not want to go through this process, you can change your child's end of day routine to "walker" and your child(ren) will be released out of the front entrance of the school, and it will be your sole responsibility to meet your child(ren). *Please meet your child OFF school property and do not gather at the front entrance, so as not to impede the pick-up process*
- IMPORTANT: If someone other than the guardian/parent will be picking up your child(ren), you must call the front office and provide the name of the adult who will be picking up your child(ren) and the effective date(s) of this arrangement. This person will have to bring a valid piece of government issued photo I.D.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PARKING

- At the senior campus, the front parking lot will be dedicated to parent/guardian parking.
- The left parking lot at the JR Campus is dedicated to parent/guardian parking.
- AT NO TIME are parents/guardians allowed to park in the designated staff parking lots at either the JR & SR Campuses.

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 The designated reserved signs OR administration parking are strictly prohibited; all illegal parking will be towed.

STAGGERED SCHEDULE

JRCAMPUS SCHEDULE	SR CAMPUS SCHEDULE	
8:00- 8:05am – ENTRY/HOMEROOM	8:05- 8:10am– ENTRY/HOMEROOM	
8:05- $9:05$ am -1 st PERIOD	8:10-9:10am -1 st PERIOD	
9:05-10:05am -2 nd PERIOD	9:10-10:10am -2 nd PERIOD	
10:05- 10:25am – AM RECESS	10:10-10:30am – AM RECESS	
10:25 - $11:25$ am -3 rd PERIOD	10:30-11:30am -3 rd PERIOD	
11:25- 12:15pm – LUNCH	11:30-12:20pm $-$ LUNCH (RECESS FIRST	
*(Kinder- RECESS FIRST 25MIN; EAT SECOND	25MIN; EAT SECOND 25MIN)	
25MIN; Cycle 1- EAT FRIST 25MIN, RECESS	12:20- $12:25$ pm $-$ PASSING TIME	
SECOND 25MIN)	$12:25-1:25 \mathrm{pm}-4^{\mathrm{th}}\ \mathrm{PERIOD}$	
12:15-12:20pm – PASSING TIME	1:25- 1:45pm – PM RECESS	
12:20- 1:20pm – 4 th PERIOD	1:45-2:45pm -5 th PERIOD	
1:20-1:40pm – PM RECESS	2:45- 2:50pm- DISMISSAL	
$1:40-2:40 \mathrm{pm} - 5^{\mathrm{th}} \ \mathrm{PERIOD}$		
2:40-2:45pm – DISMISSAL		

BOOMERANG LUNCHES: Please pack a Boomerang lunch. Your children will be bringing home in their lunch kit every item brought from home. See L.A.'s Boomerang Lunches Infographic for more information.

WELCOME BACK BBQ/ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AGA)

It's a new year and it's time to celebrate our excitement and get together! Lord Aylmer will be hosting a Welcome Back BBQ/Carnival on **Thursday, September 18**th, **2025, from 3:00pm – 6:00pm at our SR campus.** Please stay tuned for more details and confirmation.

Our AGA will take place after the BBQ, in the SR campus gymnasium, September 18th from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

The AGA is held **to elect the** members of our Governing Board for the 2025-2026 school year. **The Governing Board is the governing body of the school which is comprised of parent/guardian representatives and staff representatives. We discuss items such as budget, fundraisers, school success plans, community events etc.

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There are THREE vacant parent/guardian seats up for election. Each seat is a two-year term.

We will also elect a **Parent Committee representative from the Governing Board members**. This representative will sit on a School Board Committee, which meets approximately 5 times a year.

We will also be electing **two Parent/Guardian Community Representatives** from the parent(s)/guardians who are present at the AGA.

What is a Community Member Seat?

The Community Member Seat is a **non-voting position** on the Governing Board. The purpose of this role is to:

- Provide additional context and insight into the surrounding school community.
- Broaden perspectives by sharing knowledge of local initiatives, trends, and needs.
- Help create meaningful relationships between the school and community organizations, businesses, and efforts.

This position is not intended for parents or guardians of current students to share personal opinions on the school's operations but rather for individuals with a commitment to enhancing collaboration between the school and its community.

Furthermore, information regarding the SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) will be shared and the parent/guardian representative of a child with special needs (a child with an IEP) will be nominated to sit on the SEAC committee, which meets approximately 5 times a year.

If you cannot attend the General Assembly and would like to put your name forth for nomination for the Governing Board or Parent Committee you MUST contact Sam Halpin & Hannah Patrick and share your intent to run for election. You will be required to write a letter stating your intention and the reason why you should be nominated. This letter will be read at the General Assembly during the appropriate election

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For more information regarding the Governing Board, please see below –

https://www.quebec.ca/en/education/preschool-elementary-and-secondaryschools/administration-frameworks/school-governance/governing-boards

PHOTO DAY @ L.A.

- JR Campus November 13, 2025
- SR Campus November 14, 2025
- Please see the attached memo for further information.

VACATION PROTOCOL

We understand that families may occasionally choose to take vacations during the school year. Please note that teachers are not responsible for preparing full lesson plans or assignments when a student is away for an extended period. However, there are many simple and meaningful ways to keep learning alive while travelling:

- **Read every day** (independently or together)
- Talk about and reflect on your experiences as you explore
- **Keep a simple journal** to capture memories and practice writing
- Practice basic math facts to keep skills sharp

These activities help students stay engaged and make the transition back to class smoother. We will warmly welcome your child back and do our best to support a smooth transition back into the classroom routine.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation postcards will be published to the parent/guardian portal at the end of the day on Friday, Aug. 22nd and will remain available until 9:00 Friday, Aug. 29th.

Between Friday, Aug. 29th and Friday, Sept. 12th, the process time for new registrations, change of addresses or changes to daycare services will be 10 business days.

MAZZOLA

Mazzola hot lunches will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Mazzola lunches will be available for order starting on September 8, 2025.

Please stay tuned for the monthly menus and more information on how to order online.

For more information please visit - https://mazzola.ca/en OR https://mazzola.ca/ (French)

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HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our Home & School Association is a dedicated group of parent and guardian volunteers who work together to support our students, staff, and the school community through fundraising and community-building events. Over the past few years, Home & School has proudly funded projects such as new iPads for student use, our Adventure Playground at both the Junior and Senior campuses, outdoor play materials, classroom resources, and much more. They also organize fun community events like school dances, BBQs, and movie nights.

Thanks to the commitment of Home & School, we are able to provide our students with enriched learning and play experiences while building stronger connections between families and the school.

Pizza Day will run at each Campus on Tuesdays and will be organized through our Home & School Association. Please stay tuned for the start date of our Pizza Days!

Our current president is **April Moffatt**, and the team is always looking for new volunteers to join in their efforts. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please contact lordaylmerhs@gmail.com.

DAYCARE

Daycare will be open from 7am until 6pm, as usual. As always, this could be subject to change based upon staffing and availability. *PD Days - Daycare is open from 7am until 5pm*

Daycare will be closed the following PD Days – September 19, 2025; November 28, 2025; February 20, 2026.

NEW Daycare Cost = \$9.70/day and the PD Day is now \$15.20.

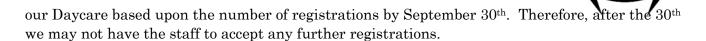
If you require Daycare, please register with Julie Belisle at jbelisle@wqsb.qc.ca.

Please note that if you have not registered your child(ren) for Daycare before September 30th and may possibly require daycare after the 30th of September there is absolutely no guarantee that you will have Daycare services. This is due to budgetary constraints. The Ministry of Education funds

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• JR Campus:

- o Drop-Off: Daycare drop-off will be at the main entrance of the school. Please park in the left parking lot OR on an adjacent street and walk to the main entrance and bring your child(ren) to the front door. A daycare staff member will come out to greet your child and escort them into the building.
- *NEW* Pick-Up: When picking up your child from daycare, please park in the left parking lot OR on an adjacent street and walk to the main entrance where you will be greeted by a staff member. Please bring a valid piece of government issued identification to present during pick-up. You will be required to sign-out your child(ren) daily.
 - *NEW* starting at 4:40pm ALL JR students at Daycare will walk over to the SR Campus for the remainder of the day. ALL Pick-Up will occur at the SR Campus from 4:45pm 6:00pm. Please allow for transition time/fluctuation absolutely NO child will be picked up during transit off the street.

• SR Campus:

- o Drop-Off: Please pull up to the front door, and a daycare staff member will come out to greet your child and escort them into the building.
- *NEW* Pick-Up: When picking up your child from daycare, please park and walk up to the entrance where you will be greeted by a staff member. Please bring a valid piece of government issued identification to present during pick-up. You will be required to sign-out your child(ren) daily.

DAYCARE PAYMENTS:

- All accounts for Daycare will be available on our Mozaik Parent-Guardian Online Platform.
- The preferred method of payment is online (through your online banking)
- Cash payments will be accepted for all students (should you choose this method) at the SR Campus only with Julie Belisle. We will only accept exact amounts absolutely no change will be given or available.

ELECTRONICS/TOYS

Electronics (any device capable of communicating with or accessing the internet, such as—but not limited to—smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, headphones, etc.) are **not permitted for personal use on school property**. The only exception is on buses.

Each class has a designated "device drop" where students may leave their devices at the start of the day and collect them once classes are dismissed. Alternatively, students may keep their device

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in their school bag, concealed, for the entire school day. Please note that school staff are **not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal electronic devices**. This policy also applies during field trips.

Exceptions

Use of electronics may be permitted only in the following cases, with approval from school administration:

- A documented health condition.
- Pedagogical purposes, as determined by the teacher.
- Specific needs of a student with a disability or who is experiencing adjustment or learning difficulties.

Consequences for Personal Use of Electronics

- **First Offence** The device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day.
- **Second Offence** The device will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent/guardian from the office.
- **Repeated Offences** Additional consequences may be applied at the discretion of the school administration or their designate.

Toys are not to be brought to school. If a student brings a toy to school, it will be confiscated until the end of the day and returned upon the day's completion. Additional measures may be put into place at the subject of the school administration/the administrations delegate.

- *Exception* Recess Equipment. Students may bring recess equipment to play with during their morning, lunch and afternoon recesses.
- Acceptable recess equipment
 - o Mini Sticks
 - Basketball
 - Soccer Balls
 - o Football
 - Skipping Ropes
 - o Frisbees (soft or standard, avoid rigid plastic in extreme cold)
 - Beanbags
 - Velcro catch ball sets (e.g., "sticky ball" paddles)
- Please note that the equipment must be easily transported by the student.
- Please note: if the equipment is not used for its intended purpose, the staff may confiscate the item and require a parent/guardian to pick up the item for safe return.

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The school does provide recess equipment such as the items listed above; however, if a student would like to bring something from home, they are more than welcome to. **Please label your child's equipment.** The school is not responsible for lost or broken items.

ATTENDANCE: Please note that we will be following our 2025-2026 school calendar.

- Regular attendance practices will be in place and if your child is absent for a day, please either call the JR Campus (819-684-4888) or SR Campus (819-684-6501) to notify the front office of the reason. You may also send an email to the JR Campus at lordaylmerjr@wqsb.qc.ca or SR Campus at lordaylmersr@wqsb.qc.ca.
- If you have a child at both campuses, you must notify BOTH Campuses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND POSITIVITY!

Wishing you all the best and see you soon,

Samantha Halpin (Principal)

Hannah Patrick (Vice-Principal)

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