

# WELCOMING OUR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

September 2020



Grosvenor School



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This guide will help you to see all of our enhanced safety protocols in and preparation for the first day of school on **September 8, 2020**.

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# Hello!

We have been through a lot in the past few months, and so much has changed in our world and in our community. One thing that *hasn't* changed is our dedication to ensuring the safety and education of the families we serve. You are entrusting us with your most precious children - and every decision we make reflects our acceptance of this responsibility.

We have spent the summer preparing for your return (and we are so excited to see you!) There will be a few changes...and there will probably be more as time goes on. Staff have been trained in protocols and safety regulations. We are committed to the communication of any information to your children and yourselves as it becomes available..

If you have any questions or comments please reach out to me:  
[clawson@wsd1.org](mailto:clawson@wsd1.org) or 204-475 5242





“Let’s give this school year the  
opportunity to be awesome.  
Don’t throw a label or judgement  
on it before it begins.  
It may just surprise us in big,  
beautiful ways.”

~Author Unknown

A short, thick green horizontal line drawn below the author's name.



# HOW have we prepared for students' return?



- Teachers and Education Assistants have developed new classroom layouts maximizing space and allowing for social distancing of 1-2 meter apart.
- Social Distancing and Safety signage has been installed throughout the school
- Our custodial team have an increased cleaning schedule which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, and all other high touch surfaces..
- All classrooms are supplied with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

# What is my child(ren)'s classroom cohort?

Grade	# of students	Location	Teacher	Email
Nursery	9	Room 1 & 2	Ms. Sobral	ansobral@wsd1.org
Kindergarten	16	Room 1 & 2	Ms. Sobral	ansobral@wsd1.org
Grade 1	16	Room 5	Ms. Kornelsen	akornelsen@wsd1.org
Grade 2	16	Room 3	Ms. Banks	cbanks@wsd1.org
Grade 2/3	19	Room 8	Ms. Robbins	krobbins@wsd1.org
Grade 2/3	19	Room 6	Mr. Mont/Ms. McMurtry	jmont@wsd1.org
Grade 4	25	Room 11	Ms. Leslie	jeleslie@wsd1.org
Grade 5	26	Room 9	Mr. Kehler	kkebler@wsd1.org
Grade 6	22	Room 12	Ms. Anderson	banderson@wsd1.org





# Recess/lunch Cohorts- Colour coded

For the purposes of containing viral spread and easier tracking, Provincial Protocols recommend that schools divide their population into **cohorts**. These cohorts will have staggered schedules, separate entrances/exits, have recess separately, use different washrooms, stairwells, and will eat lunch at the same time. Lunch will be in the classroom. Your child will spend their school day with their classroom cohort, and classrooms will not be combined with one another for any reason. They will in no way mingle with any other classes.

## Grosvenor School Student Population

### Cohort 1

● Grade 2/ 3 Rm 8

● Grade 5

● Grade 4

### Cohort 2

● Grade 2

● Grade 2/3 Rm. 4

● Grade 1

● Grade 6

### Cohort 3

● Nursery

● Kindergarten



# Before School in the Morning

- ✗ **Prescreen** your child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. **Every day.**
- ✗ See this link for the Provincial Screening Tool.  
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- ✗ Pack a **reusable water bottle**. Fountains not will be operational but our touchless water fill station will be open on the second floor.
- ✗ Put on a **mask**. Mandated in Grades 4 - 6. Strongly encouraged for Grades N - 3.

Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) **must stay at home.**





# Masks

## What is required?

All schools in Winnipeg School Division are following the public health recommendation regarding masks.

- All staff, visitors and students in Grades 4-6 are mandated by the province to wear a mask inside in all common areas such as hallways, and when physical distancing of two metres is not possible. Every effort will be made to provide “mask-free time” for children ( when eating, when outside at recess and lunch time or when working in smaller groups when 2 m distance can be obtained).
- Students in Nursery - Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask, but are not required to wear a mask.
- If your child forgets a mask - don't worry! We have extra disposable ones at school!
- We will be teaching the students proper mask protocol (i.e. putting in on, taking it off, storage, etc.).
- We recommend 2 non-medical masks per day per child.
- Please ensure that your child's name is clearly printed on the mask.





# Arrival

*As much as we wish for an open school community- at this time Parents/Caregivers are able to come into the school by appointment only. (204) 475-5242*

- Students will arrive no earlier than than **8:45am. There will be no playing on school grounds before or after school.**
- At this point, we are uncertain as to whether or not we will have patrols on corners- I will let you know before school starts. Roj will continue her crossing guard duties.
- Areas will be clearly marked as we did in June.
- **Parents of Nursery to Grade 3** children are expected to wait with their child, enduring physical distancing is in place.
- Doors will be propped open to facilitate entry.
- Staff members will be outside to greet students and begin the screening process (they will ask students/parents if they have already pre-screened their and child and proceed from there.) **This should go quickly as it requires a "Yes" or "No" answer.**
- Children who walk to school on their own will be pre-screened by a staff member.
- Students in grades 4-6 will have their masks on as they wait at their assigned doors.
- **A colour coded map/pictures of what this will look like will be sent out before school starts. Staff will set up and practice what this will look like later this week.**



# Late arrivals, appointments, and late pick-ups.



- Life happens! If you are late in the morning, please call the office and let us know 204-475-5242. When you arrive come in the door beside the office. There will be a table with a sign in sheet and some hand sanitizer at the door.
- For any appointments, parents should enter the school( with a mask) at the door beside the office. The sign out sheet will be on a table in the entrance. Parents will see their child off at the door and not go any further in the building.
- Please ensure that you are on time to pick up your child at the end of the day. In the event of an unexpected delay, your child will wait outside the office.



# End of Day Routines

- Nursery and Kindergarten students will be picked up at the big structure. Weather permitting. If it's raining, Ms. Sobral will bring them out and wait under the overhang.
- Grades 1-6- Teachers will bring children out and will line up in the same spots in the morning. They will be dismissed from there.
- If your child attends ABC, the staff will let your child know what room they are to go to. More info. regarding ABC to follow.
- **PLEASE** no playing in the school grounds after school. ABC needs the space and we want to keep the children in their classroom cohorts.





# Washrooms

**We have brand new student washrooms and touchless water stations!**

Each cohort will have its own washroom

Cohort 1 will use the washrooms on the second floor.

Cohort 2 will use the washrooms on the first floor.

Cohort 3 will use the washroom inside the Kindergarten & Nursery classroom.

Only one person will be allowed in the washroom at a time.

Spots on the floor will be marked to wait for the washroom if in use.

There will be a sign on the door to monitor if the washroom is in use.





# What can my child expect in class?

- Classrooms will largely look the same, however students will be sitting in assigned seats.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: seating at least 1 meter apart, minimal clutter, carpet seating may also be assigned rather than full class usage.
- Student supplies will no longer be communal. Each student will receive their own school supplies.
- Students will hang up backpack/jackets in the cloakrooms in the classroom (staggered by groups)
- We have 4 student teachers this year who will be with us for September and October (grades N/K, Grade 2, Grade 2/3 ( Ms. Robbins) and Grade 5).



# Music and Physical Education



Music and Physical Education classes will be held in the child's classroom or outside, weather permitting.



Equipment will not be shared, and will be disinfected according to provincial guidelines after each use.



Music classes will not include recorder this year. Singing will be done only in accordance with recommendations by the province.



Phys. Ed. classes will consist of in place and independent skills within the context of fair play practice.



# Recovery Learning

All Winnipeg School Division teachers will utilize WSD assessment tools, observations, and professional judgement to determine strengths, challenges, and next steps in student learning.

Targeted instruction will be crafted to meet the learning needs of your children.

The learning focus will be on literacy, mathematics, and student well being/mental health.

Outdoor education and inquiry based learning will be our focus to enrich learning, and to provide students with opportunities to challenge themselves.





# Outdoor Education




Grosvenor School values outdoor education as a priority for our students. As we return, the province of Manitoba has recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.

Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather (rain or shine or snow). We will not be able to make accommodations for one or two children to stay inside during outdoor education classes.



# Mental Wellness

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-  Our division clinicians will continue to partner with staff to support students in their return to school.
-  Staff will focus on supporting students who are experiencing all of the emotions and uncertainty this pandemic has created.
-  Staff will continue supporting students through Mindfulness, and Growth Mindset initiatives.







# Recess!



- Recesses will be by larger colour coded cohort.
- Each class within the cohort will have recess in a separate part of the yard. These larger cohorts will NOT mingle in any way.
- Classes will rotate recess areas weekly.
- There will be separate equipment for each class within the cohort.

## Cohort 1

AM Recess 10:30 - 10:45

Lunch recess 12:30 - 1:00

PM Recess 2:15 - 2:30

## Cohort 2

AM Recess 10:45 - 11:00

Lunch recess 12:00 - 12:30

PM Recess 2:30 - 2:45

## Cohort 3

Kindergarten 11:15 - 11:30

Nursery 3:15 - 3:30





# Lunch Program



Lunch will be eaten in the classroom. The lunch hour will be staggered by one cohort eating first while the other cohort is playing outside in their designated areas.

Masks will be removed while eating.

Students will be asked to tidy their own eating area as a courtesy to the custodial team and for ease of disinfection afterwards.

**NO heat ups will be available.**







# What happens if my child is sick at school?



- The student will be brought to the office, given a mask if they don't have one (younger grades) and will be isolated while being monitored by a staff member.
- If a student becomes ill at school parents/guardians will be called to pick up and take their child home immediately.
- Once the parent or designated caregiver arrives, phone the school at 204-475-5242 and a staff member will walk the child out to meet them.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities. See page 9 of the following Restoring Safe Services document <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-guidelines-september.html>





# Practicing the fundamentals



We are asking families to practise the following rules to ensure the safety of our school and community at large:

- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Have at least 2 masks available per day for mandated grades. Masks are provincially mandated for all staff and for students in Grades 4-6, optional and strongly encouraged for younger students.
- Wash your hands with soap multiple times a day (e.g. start and end of the day, when using washrooms, before food prep/eating, when they are dirty, after wiping your nose, etc.).
- Keep 2 meters between yourself and others.
- Everyone must follow the provincial guidelines to keep everyone safe.
- No item sharing (food, water bottles, musical instruments, books, games, toys, etc.).





# Helpful Links

**Link to WSD Pandemic Planning:**

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Pages/default.aspx>

**Link to WSD Pandemic Planning Framework:**

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Framework%20for%20School%20Planning%20during%20pandemic%20WEB.pdf>

**Homeschooling Information:**

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

**Return to School Information for Parents/Guardians**

[https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf)

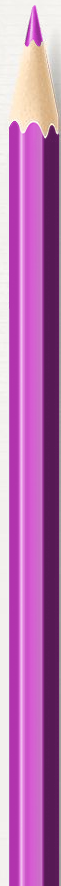
**Parent/Guardian FAQs**

[https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/parent\\_guardian\\_faq.pdf](https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/parent_guardian_faq.pdf)

**Restoring Safe Schools**

[https://manitoba.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf)





# Thanks!

**Any questions?**

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