

Queenston School
"The Little School with a Big Heart"
2020-2021



Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of the 2020/21 school year! We are very excited for the start of classes on Tuesday, September 8th. We have missed your children and look forward to teaching them in person again and being partners in their learning with you.

In order to support with student transition back to school and familiarize students with new procedures, school entry dates will be staggered for grade 1-6 students. Families with the last name beginning with letters A-K will attend on Tuesday, September 9, 2020. Families with last name beginning with L-Z will attend on Wednesday, September 10, 2020. All grade 1-6 students will attend on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

To help ensure the safe return of all students and staff, the WSD has published *A Framework for School Planning During COVID-19 Pandemic* document - <http://bit.do/WSDPandemic-Planning>. Our school will be following all the protocols mentioned in this document, with additional procedures that will be specific to our school. Please find the highlights of the return protocol below.

Although we have planned extensively, situations may arise that may require a change or an adjustment. If you encounter a concern or have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the school. Your feedback is appreciated!

Prior to school arrival

Parents/guardians must pre-screen their child for COVID-19, prior to the arriving at school. If your child is exhibiting any signs of illness (runny nose, fever, coughing) please have your child stay home.

Drop off and Pick Up

Parents/guardians will not be permitted in the school without a scheduled appointment. All parents are encouraged to drop off/pick up their child at the specified times.

School entry/exit times:

8:50am – entrance

11:30am - N/K dismissal

12:00pm - grade 1-6 lunch dismissal

12:55pm - grade 1- 6 lunch entrance

3:30pm - grade 1-6 dismissal

If your child arrives late or needs to be dismissed earlier, please contact the school and we will arrange to have a staff member meet your child at his/her assigned door.

Entrance/Exit

All students have been assigned to a classroom, which is classified as his/her cohort. Each cohort will have a specified entrance and exit location. The classroom teachers will greet students at this location at entrance times and escort students to this location at dismissal times.

Prior to entering, teachers will conduct a brief screening of students and provide hand sanitizer. If, for any reason, your child is not permitted to use the sanitizer provided by the school, please contact your child's classroom teacher, prior to arrival on September 8th.

Entrance/Exit locations as follows:

N/K – Ms. Sweatman – Gym (Atrium) doors on playground side

Grade 1 – Ms. VanWynsberghe – Receiving door on playground side

Grade 2/3 – Ms. Vieira – Front staircase on playground side

Grade 3/4 – Ms. Foderaro – Gym (Atrium) doors on playground side

Grade 4/5 – Mr. Kirkup – Gym (Atrium) doors on Queenston Street

Grade 6 – Ms. Dubois – Front staircase on Queenston Street

Cohorts and the Learning Day

As mentioned above, each classroom is classified as a cohort. Students will remain with their cohort throughout the day. Cohorts are not permitted to mingle with other cohorts.

In the classrooms, learning will continue to be both social-emotional and academic.

Social- Emotional

We understand the COVID-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult for students and recognize the importance of having opportunity for students to talk about their feelings. We want to ensure that each student's well-being is of the utmost importance. We will continue to provide in-class pro-social skill development, as well as have staff available, including our clinical support services team, should any student require additional supports.

Academic

We are expecting that all students will benefit from reviewing key concepts from the previous years, with a focus on literacy and numeracy. All teachers will continue to use WSD assessment tools, observations and professional judgement to determine students' strengths, challenges and next steps.

Physical Education classes will be held using a combination of both indoor and outdoor activities. The Ms. Gruhn will either visit classrooms or take classrooms outside. We are in the process of exploring ways to incorporate the use of the gym, ensuring proper sanitization of equipment/facility between cohorts.

French programming will continue. The Ms. Ball will travel to classrooms to provide programming.

Music will continue. Ms. Klassen will travel to classrooms and provide in-class *Music Appreciation* programming, as singing and choral music are temporarily suspended.

Recess

Recess will be staggered to help ensure that students stay in their cohorts and maintain a safe social distance. Each cohort/classroom will have a designated location on the playground, as well as assigned equipment that will be sanitized before and after use. Sanitizer will be used as students return in the school.

Morning Recess	Group #1 10:00am-10:15am	Group #2 10:30am – 10:45am
Afternoon Recess	Group #1 2:00pm – 2:15pm	Group # 2 2:30pm – 2:45pm

Lunch Program

The lunch program hour will be staggered.

- Group #1 12:00pm – 12:25pm eat lunch in cohort classroom
12:30pm – 12:55pm outside break in designated location
- Group #2 12:00pm – 12:25pm outside break in designated location
12:30pm – 12:55pm eat lunch in cohort classroom

During outdoor break, students are required to stay in the cohort groups. To help ensure this, each cohort will be provided with a designated area on the playground.

Mask Usage

- All staff members will be wearing a mask, when physical distancing is not possible
- Students in grades 4 – 6 are mandated to wear a mask, when physical distancing is not possible. Every effort will be made to provide 'mask-free' time.

- Students in grade Nursery – 3 are encouraged to wear a mask, when physical distancing is not possible.
- Grade 3 students in the grade 3/4 classroom will now be required to wear masks.
- All children will be taught how to safely put on and remove a mask.

Hallway and Stairwells

- Directional arrows have been placed on the floors to help students stay to the right and remain 2 meters apart.
- Stairwells have been assigned to specific cohorts. Directional arrows (keep to the right) have also been placed.

Washrooms and Water Fountains

Washrooms

- Washrooms are accessible
- Cohorts will be assigned a washroom location
- Students will use washroom one at a time
- Signage in the washrooms will remind students of proper handwashing techniques

Water Fountains

- Water fountains will **not** be accessible
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water pre-filled bottle(s)

Day Care

All students in C.A.P.T will be walked to the classrooms at the beginning of the day and picked up from classrooms at the end of the day by day care staff.

Increased Cleaning and Disinfecting

The custodial team has been working hard to keep the school clean and looking great. There will continue to be an enhanced cleaning schedule that includes frequent cleaning of doorknobs, faucet handles, railings, and bathrooms. All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

Handling Student Illness

Should your child become ill during the school day, he/she must go home immediately! The procedure will be as follows:

- The ill child will be removed from his/her classroom, given a mask and placed in a separate room, where he/she will be monitored by a staff member
- The parent will be contacted to pick up his/her child immediately
- Once the parent (or designate) arrives at the school, he/she is to call the school office and a staff member will bring the child to the designated exit.
- Parents will update the school about the child's condition
- Should a case of COVID-19 be determined, Manitoba Health will be contacted immediately and all procedures/follow up will be carried out as per their direction.

Ongoing Communication

It is essential that we continue to work and plan together. Please find below our staff list, including class assignments and current student registration numbers.

Grade	Room	Teachers	# of students	Email
N/K	4 & 5	Megan Sweatman	18	msweatman@wsd1.org
1	7	Tanys Van Wynsberge	23	tvanwynsberge@wsd1.org
2/3	6	Marianna Vieira	24	mvieira@wsd1.org
3/4	3	Tonia DeRose Foderaro	26	tfoderaro@wsd1.org
4/5	13	Mitchell Kirkup	26	mkirkup@wsd1.org
6	12	Amanda Dubois	25	amdubois@wsd1.org
French		Carol Ball		cball@wsd1.org
Music		Donna Klassen		dklassen@wsd1.org
Phys. Ed. /Technology		Lori Gruhn		lgruhn@wsd1.org
Resource		Shannon Bowley		sbowley@wsd1.org
Head Clerk	Office	Leslie Pawlyk		lpawlyk@wsd1.org
Principal	Office	Michelle Namaka		mnamaka@wsd1.org