

Welcome Back to David Livingstone School!

September, 2020



Welcome back we have missed you!

Hello DL Families,

Welcome back to school! We have prepared these slides to help answer some of the many questions that you may have. The information is based on current recommendations from the Province and the Winnipeg School Division. Details and plans can change of course, depending on the changing COVID situation.

There are only 2 options right now- to attend school or to register your child for homeschooling through the province (Manitoba Homeschooling website <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>).

Remote/distance learning is not available at this time, unless your child has a designated and approved medical condition. Working together will help to ensure as smooth a reopening as possible. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please call or email.

A guide to help you know what to expect when you come back:

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Before you come to school: The important role of families:



- Caregivers must prescreen their child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.
- See this link for the screening tool:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Each student will be receiving a DL water bottle and we have just installed a water filling station as water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- Masks are **strongly recommended** for all grades however will be **mandatory** for grades 4-8.
- **The school will be providing 2 reusable and washable masks which will remain at school and will be properly cleaned nightly.**

Arrival:



- **Students will arrive no earlier than 8:45 am unless attending Breakfast Program.**
- Students who wish to go to Breakfast Program will line up at the front door at **8:30 am**. Hands will be sanitized, screening will be completed, and students will be directed to their cohort table. Breakfast will be served to them after they have been seated.
- Students will line up at their assigned doors as they arrive.
- Entry will be 8:50am.
- While waiting to enter there will be marked spacing 6 feet apart outside of the school.
- A staff member will greet students at the door for a 2nd COVID screening and hand sanitizing.

Caregivers

- **As much as we wish for an open school community- at this time Parents/Caregivers are not to be inside the school. If you need to visit the school please call ahead to make an appointment.**

Assigned Doors:

- Rooms 1, 2 and 4 will use the East door (**Parking lot doors-Line up on the basketball court**).
- Rooms 6, 16 and 18 will use the South door (**side door facing Turtle Island**).
- Room 11,12, and 13 will use the West door (**door facing the field**)
- Room 20 and 21 will use **N/K doors**



Entering the School



- Use assigned doors.
- Answer screening questions (if you pre-screen your children this process is much shorter).
- Teachers will come to pick the class up at 8:50 and 12:55 at the assigned doors.
- Students will sanitize hands upon entry and then in cohorts wash hands at designated times.



Cohorts:



Cohorts are groups of students that will stay together for all activities and movement through the school.

Will the classrooms look different?

- Classrooms will largely look the same.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: seating at least 1 metre apart, less clutter, and the removal of carpet gathering areas.
- Student supplies will no longer be communal. Each student will receive their own school supplies.



Recess

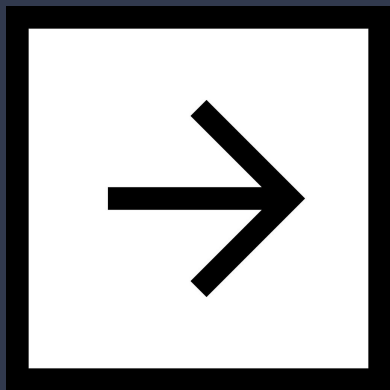


- Recesses will be staggered between the primary cohort and the intermediate cohorts.
- The intermediate and primary sides will remain the same as in the past.
- Areas such as the four square area and the play structure will be on a rotating schedule.
- All cohorts will have their own recess equipment as well as their own area in the field in which to play. The field will be clearly marked to indicate classroom areas.
- Each teacher will remain with their own classroom outside. A second adult will be there to assist as well.

Lunch Program

- At this point Lunch Program will be postponed until further notice.
- Once the Lunch Program is ready to begin, we will be following all protocols laid out by the Province.
- The opening of the Lunch Program will be announced on the David Livingstone website as well as the Facebook page.
- Please do not send your child/children to school before **12:45**.
- Thank you for your patience.

Walking through the School



Reduced Traffic

- As much as possible, all traffic in the hallways will be limited
- Students will be expected to stay to the right (follow the arrows on the floor/walls).
- Stay 2 metres apart (the arrows are set at least 2 metres apart to help you distance appropriately).

Signage

- Signage for physical distancing, hand washing and direction will be highly visible throughout the school.

Cleaning

- Cleaning of classrooms and the remainder of the school will take place regularly, including door handles and rails.

Washrooms:



- The washrooms will now be separated by cohorts.
- Rooms 1, 6, 18 and 9 will use the traditional girls washroom.
- Rooms 4, 2, 16 and 15 will use the traditional boys washroom.
- Rooms 11, 13, and 14 will use the traditional boys and girl washroom closest to the Gym
- Only **one** student will be allowed in the washroom at a time.
- All washrooms will be considered gender neutral.
- Spots on the floor will be marked to wait for the washroom if in use.
- There will be a system and staff to monitor if the washroom is in use.

Increased Cleaning/ Disinfecting:

- David (Head Custodian) as well as John and Mel (Night Custodians) have been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return. Thanks so much to this team for all of their help!
- David, John and Mel have an increased cleaning schedule which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, etc.
- All classrooms will have sanitizer and cleaning supplies as well.



Appointments/ Early Pick Ups

- Please call the office and let our secretaries, Barbara or Zoe, know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready. 204-586-8346.
- Once you arrive at the front entrance please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside of the school.

APPOINTMENT



Pick Ups

- Caregivers are asked to meet students outside of their designated doors.
- N/K students and primary students will be closely monitored and handed off for pick ups
- Staff will be available at the doors for assistance.



Let's Get Outside!!

Using the Outdoors Space:

- David Livingstone School always promotes using the outdoors as our classrooms. It is recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including a hat and water bottle.
- When staff are unable to use the outdoors, windows will be open as much as possible for air flow.

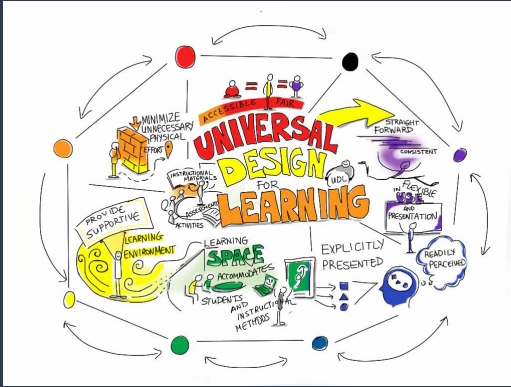


What happens if my child becomes ill at school?



- If your child develops symptoms you can call Health Links at (204)788-8200 to receive medical advice.
- If a student develops symptoms at school they must go home immediately for the safety of others
- If ill, the student will be removed from their classroom, given a mask, and will be isolated in a separate room while being monitored by a staff member.
- You will be called to pick up your child immediately.
- Once you, or a designate arrive, phone the school at 204-586-8346 and a staff member will walk your child out to meet you.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities and the Winnipeg School Division.

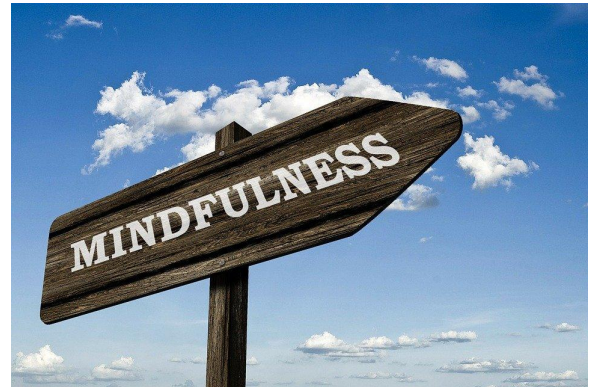
Learning:



- 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.
- David Livingstone School will continue Read to Me for Grade 1-3 students
- We have 1 full time literacy support teacher, 1 full time literacy/numeracy support teacher and 2 full time Resource teachers
- We will continue to use STEAM to enrich learning and to provide small group targeted instruction in mathematics

Student Mental Health/Well Being

- COVID-19 has been tough on all of us. Student mental well-being will be talked about and monitored as students return to school.
- Staff have been trained on trauma informed classrooms and our learning will continue.
- Classrooms will continue to utilize Mindfulness, and Zones of Regulation.
- David Livingstone School will continue to be supported by Clinical Support Services (Psychology, Social Work, Speech and Language, and Literacy).



General Recommendations:



- Stay home if ill.
- We **strongly recommend** that everyone wear a mask but for the grade 4 and up it is **Mandatory**
- **The school will be providing 2 reusable cloth masks which will stay at the school. All masks will be washed and dried daily.**
- 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 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Everyone must follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe.
- No item sharing (food, water bottles, musical instruments, books, games, toys, etc.).

Staff List & Emails

Room 1- Ms. Lea Hosegood

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Helpful Links/Resources

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

Parent/Guardian FAQs

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

Closing:



In closing, we want to say how excited we are to see our students and David Livingstone families. These guidelines are set to best protect everyone and keep everyone safe. We realize that some of these restrictions are not normal. We can't believe we have to ask parents/caregivers to stay out of the school, but we understand why we must do so. We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning!

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