

Welcome Back to Kent Road School!

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We are so happy to see you!



The end of last school year was very challenging due to COVID-19. We really miss all of you and are looking forward to seeing you in a short while.

The following slides will help you understand the new safety rules at Kent Road School. Much of school will look the same, but we do have some changes. These changes were created to help keep everyone safe and follow both Winnipeg School Division and provincial recommendations. All staff will be trained on these new protocols prior to school opening for students.

Guidelines are subject to change to meet current health recommendations.

Cohorts at Kent Road



- Cohorts are a small group of students who stay together.
- The current public health guidelines allow for cohorts of up to 75 students.
- Kent Road has divided the school into 5 cohorts. Four cohorts with 3 classes, and one cohort of N/K classes.
- Each cohort has less than 75 students.
- Cohort classrooms are in the same hallways as much as possible and will have assigned bathrooms.
- Cohorts will share the same recess time.
- Cohorts will be assigned specific entrance and exit doors.
- Students within a cohort will have seats at least 1 metre away from other students in their classes.

Cohort	Classroom	Grade	Teacher	Entry/Exit Doors	Recess Time
1	5	Nursery	Ms Duseigne	Northwest Doors (By daycare)	
	7	Kindergarten	Ms Morand		
2	10	1	Ms Surcon	Southwest Doors (by the gym)	10:05 - 10:20 2:05 – 2:20
	11	1	Ms Baschuk		
	9	2	Mr Izzard		
3	15	2	Ms Garand	Southeast Doors (Behind school by gym)	10:05 - 10:20 2:05 – 2:20
	14	3	Ms Shore		
	16	3	Ms Gamble		
4	17	4	Ms Campbell	Northeast Doors (by the play structure)	10:35 – 10:50 2:35 – 2:50
	18	4	Ms D'Ercole/ Ms Kozyra		
	1	5	Ms Ings		
5	2	5	Ms Gacek	Southwest Doors (main entrance)	10:35 – 10:50 2:35 – 2:50
	3	6	Ms Behma-Chaikosky		
	4	6	Ms Tomic		

Before you come to school, the critical 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/>
- Pack a filled water bottle with your snacks and lunch (if you have registered for lunch program). Water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- Masks have been mandated by the province for all students in grades 4-12. Please send your child to school with a mask that has their name on it.
- Make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing for the day

Arrival:



- Due to circumstances around COVID-19, students will not be able to arrive early at school and play on the structure or playground.
- Students will line up at their assigned cohort's door following social distancing guidelines no earlier than 8:45 AM.
- A staff member will greet students at the door for screening and hand sanitizing. If students cannot use hand sanitizer, they will be escorted to the washroom to wash their hands with soap.
- Entry will be between 8:45-8:55 AM.
- While waiting for their turn for entry there will be marked spacing 6 feet apart outside of the school.
- Parents/Caregivers will not be permitted inside the school at this time without an appointment.

Entering the School



All students will:

- Use assigned doors.
- Answer screening questions (if you pre-screen your children this process is much shorter).
- Walk straight to your classroom where your teacher will be there to greet you.

Classroom Environment



- Classrooms will largely look the same.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include:
 - Socially distant seating plans
 - Students will have a designated seat in their classroom.
 - Each student will have their own set of school supplies. Supplies will not be shared.
 - Classes will take regular breaks to wash their hands.
- The Music teacher will join students in their classrooms or will take them outside as much as possible.
- The Physical Education teacher will be having classes primarily outside and will be following the health guidelines outlined by the province.

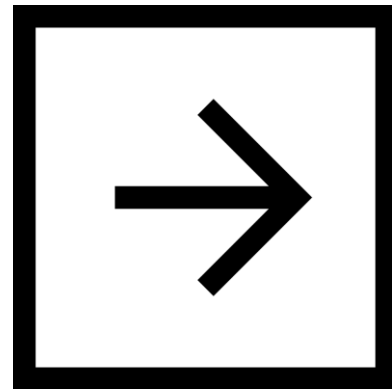
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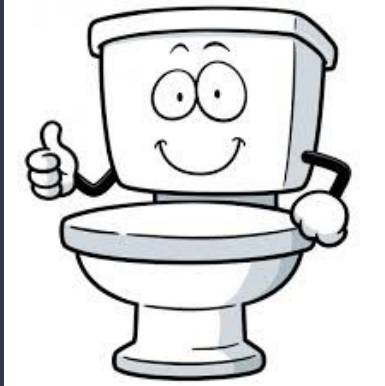
- Recesses will be staggered between the primary and the intermediate cohorts.
- Two cohorts will have recess together at the same time. Each cohort will have designated zones where they are able to play. Adult supervision will be provided to ensure students remain in their cohorts.
- For recess, students will enter and exit the building through their cohort's assigned door.
- Recess equipment will be available depending on our ability to properly sanitize equipment according to guidelines.

Walking in the School

- Please stay to the right (follow the arrows on the floor).
- Stay 6 feet apart (the arrows are set at least 6 feet apart to help you distance appropriately).



Washrooms:



- The washrooms will now be separated by cohorts.
- The Primary Cohorts will use the second hall washrooms.
- The Intermediate Cohorts will use the washrooms in the first hall.
- Only two students 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 system to monitor if the washroom is in use.

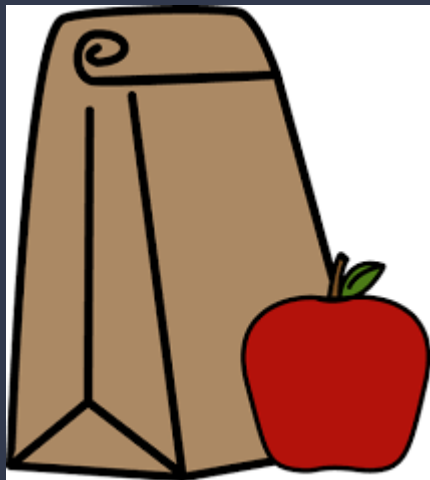
Appointments/ Early Pick Ups & Late Drop Offs



APPOINTMENT

- Appointments/Early Pick Ups
 - Please call the office and let Ms Hurd know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready. 204-669-1228.
 - Once you arrive please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside of the school.
- Late Drop Off
 - Cohort entrance and exit doors will be locked at 9:05 AM.
 - If your child arrives at school after 9:00 AM they will have to come to the main doors facing Kent Road.
 - The student must sanitize their hands at the entrance and then report to the office before going to their classroom.

Lunch Program



- Lunch program registrations will be sent home on September 8th and must be returned by September 11th.
- Lunch program students will remain in their cohorts for lunch.
- Students will eat in their classrooms.
- In order to keep cohorts separated, a staggered lunch and lunch recess schedule will be followed.
- As students will be remaining in classrooms, microwaves will not be available to heat up lunches.
- During lunch recess, students will remain in their cohort in the same zones as for recesses.

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Masks in Schools



- At this time, non-medical masks are required in schools for students in Grade 4-12 as well as teachers, staff, and visitors, when physical distancing of 2 metres is not possible.
- Parents and caregivers will choose whether younger students, grades 3 and under, should wear a mask.



End Of Day 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.

Using the Outdoors:



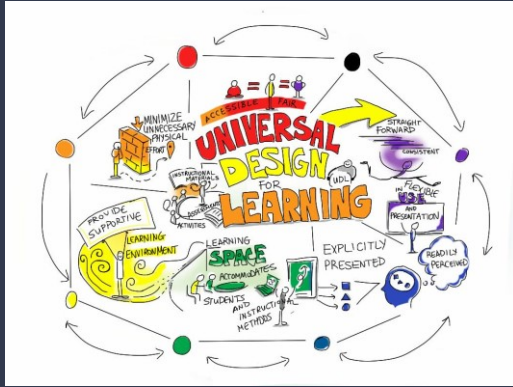
- Kent Road School will be promoting using the outdoors as our classrooms. It is recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including a hat and filled water bottle.
- When staff are unable to use the outdoors, windows will be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

What happens if my child becomes ill at school?



- If a student develops symptoms at school they must go home immediately for the safety of others.
- Students who display symptoms will be removed from their classroom, given a medical grade 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 designate, arrive at the school, please phone the school at 204-669-1228 and a staff member will walk your child out to meet you.
- Parents are required to contact their health care provider or Health Links at 204-788-8200 for direction.
- Students who are awaiting test results are to remain at home until their results are known.
- A sick child can return to the school once it has been determined safe to do so by their health care provider.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will inform all members of the cohort and follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.

Learning:



- Due to the disruption of schooling we understand that some students may have significant learning loss.
- 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.
- Our staff will do their best to foster collaboration in classrooms using all available resources while following all health recommendations.

School Events



- At this time, in following all provincial and WSD guidelines, there will be no assemblies or gatherings of large groups of students.
- We will be looking at alternate ways of doing “Meet the Teacher” and other school / community events. More information will be provided in the future.

Student Mental Health/Well Being



- COVID-19 has been hard on all of us. Student mental health and well-being will be talked about and monitored as students return to school.
- Staff will be trained on trauma informed classrooms.
- Kent Road School will continue to be supported by our Guidance Counsellor and Clinical Support Services (Psychology, Social Work, Speech and Language, and Literacy).

Increased Cleaning/ Disinfecting:



- Our custodial team has been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return. Thanks so much for all your hard work!
- All high touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly according to WSD guidelines.
- All washrooms and classrooms will be cleaned regularly according to WSD guidelines.
- All classrooms will have sanitizer and cleaning supplies as well.
- Kent Road teachers will teach and encourage proper handwashing techniques and provide time to do so.

General Recommendations:



- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a filled water bottle.
- Masks are mandatory for all students in grades 4-6. Masks are encouraged for all others.
- 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.
- No item sharing (food, water bottles, musical instruments, books, games, toys, etc.).
- Everyone must follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe.

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 Kent Road School 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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