

A photograph of the exterior of Brock Corydon School. The building is constructed of red brick with a grey concrete base. A sign above the entrance reads "BROCK CORYDON SCHOOL". The entrance features a red door and a grey awning. To the left of the entrance, there are two large windows displaying colorful artwork. The foreground is a grassy area with several large green bushes and a stone path. The sky is clear and blue.

BROCK CORYDON SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK TO
BROCK CORYDON

September 2020

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We have been through a lot in the past few months, and a lot has changed in our world and in our community. The 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 this.

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 and we will pass on the information to you and your children.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to Ara Morris (amorris@wsd1.org) or Lars Sigurdson (lsigurdson@wsd1.org) or 204-488-4422.

THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU TO SEE ALL OF THE ENHANCED SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN PLACE
AND WILL HELP YOU TO PREPARE FOR THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 8.

- Teachers/EAs have worked to develop new classroom layouts to maximize space and allow for Physical distancing.
- Physical distancing and safety prompts have been installed throughout the school.
- X's and arrows have been placed on the floor as well as signage on the walls to direct the flow of traffic.
- Our custodial team has been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return. Thanks so much to our custodians: Chems, Nelson, and Ven!
- The custodians have an increased cleaning schedule which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, etc.
- All classrooms are supplied with sanitizer and cleaning supplies as well.
- Hand sanitizer stations are set up at all entrances.

HOW HAVE WE PREPARED FOR YOUR RETURN?

WHAT IS MY CHILD(REN)'S COHORT?

Your child's classroom is their cohort. If there are 22 students in the class, then those 22 students are a cohort. Children in the Hebrew Bilingual Program will not be switching classes, the teachers will be moving classes. This is to allow a cohort to remain intact throughout the school day. This will be the same for daycare and lunch. The largest class size we have currently is 25 students.



PREPARING FOR SCHOOL IN THE MORNING



- Before arriving at school, 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 water bottle with your snacks and lunch. Only water bottle filling stations will be available for use.
- Masks are mandated for all staff as well as for Grades 4-6 students and the Grade 3/4 class (Room 6). They are strongly recommended in the other grades.
- Students will be taught how to properly put on and remove their masks. They will be sanitizing before and after. Masks will be removed during eating times and at recess. Masks will be stored in a labelled paper bag when not in use. Teachers will decide when there is a safe opportunity for a “mask-free moment.”
- Both daycares have been in consultation with the school and will follow our protocols. More information will be sent from the daycares.

MORNING ENTRY

- Non-daycare students are to arrive no earlier than 8:40 a.m.
- All students will meet their teachers at their assigned doors in their assigned spots beginning at 8:40.
- After screening by the teacher, students will enter with their teachers.
- Upon entrance to the school, a staff member will greet students at the door for hand sanitizing.
- Parents/Guardians will not be permitted inside the school at this time.
- Late students (after 8:55 a.m.) will enter through the office doors. They will need to be screened and given hand sanitizer before entering.
- All daycare students will remain in their classroom if they started off in daycare while being supervised by a daycare staff.

ASSIGNED DOORS

Classes begin at 8:55 a.m., non-daycare students can arrive at 8:40 a.m. Classes will end at 3:30 p.m.

There are no more than 75 students assigned to use any one entrance. However, students will remain with their cohort/class only.

Assigned classroom spots are as follows:

- Corydon doors: Rms 1, 2, 3
 - Hardtop door (off the gym): Rm 4, 5, 6,
 - Office doors: Rms 8, 9, 11, 12 (Rm 12 is Rm 11 PM)
 - East Portable doors: P2, P3, P5
 - South Portable doors: P2, P5, P7
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END OF DAY ROUTINE

- Caregivers are asked to meet students outside of their designated doors. Please do not congregate.
- N/K students and Primary students will be closely monitored and handed off for pick-ups.
- Times will be staggered to allow for each class to exit the school without interaction with others outside of their cohort/classroom.
- Staff will be available at the doors for assistance.
- Please do not use the parking lot for drop-off or pick-up. We will all have to work together to avoid congestion.
- Daycare students will remain in the classroom they have been in all day. Parents will pick-up at the assigned door.



WASHROOMS

- Each of our Primary and Intermediate classrooms are assigned the use of a specific washroom.
 - Primary students (P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7) will use the washrooms located on the south side of the school. The boys' washroom is the single-stall washroom; located in the south hallway.
 - N/K students will use the washrooms located in their classrooms.
 - Intermediate students will use the washrooms located on the north side of the school.
- In the girls' washrooms, three students will be allowed at a time; with every other stall being closed.
 - The Primary boys' washroom is a single-stall.
 - The Intermediate boys' washroom has two stalls and two urinals.
 - Outside all washrooms there are **X's** to indicate where students are to wait for their turn.
 - Expectations will be reviewed with students.



WHAT CAN I EXPECT IN CLASS?

- Classrooms will largely look the same.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: seating at least 1 meter 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.
- To increase safety measures, plexiglass shields will be used at certain tables and teacher conference areas.

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 children.
 - The learning focus will be on literacy, numeracy, and student well being/mental health.
 - We will continue to use outdoor education and inquiry based learning to enrich learning and the entire school experience.
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OUTDOOR LEARNING

- Brock Corydon has integrated outdoor learning for our students in the past. As we return, the province of Manitoba has recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Staff will be receiving professional development on ways to further embed curricula into outdoor learning.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including a hat and water bottle.





MENTAL WELLNESS

- Our clinicians have partnered 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 Daily Intentions, Mindfulness, the Second Step program, Yoga, and Growth Mindset initiatives.
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- Recesses will be by classroom.
- Each class will have recess in a separate area of the schoolyard.
- There will be separate equipment for each classroom.

RECESSES

- There will be three separate areas for recess: Pergola side, Field side, Hardtop side (including structure).
- Classes will rotate according to the school day cycle. For example, Rm 5: Days 1 & 4 Pergola side, Days 2 & 5 Field side, Days 3 & 6 Hardtop side.
- Recess times will be chosen by the teachers to best suit class timetables and will be as follows: 10:30-10:55 a.m. or 11:00-11:15 a.m., as well as 2:10-2:25 p.m. or 2:30-2:45 p.m.
- Each class **WILL ONLY** be permitted to play with students from their class.
- Assigned outdoor sections within each area will allow for safe and physically distanced play from other classes.

LUNCH PROGRAM

- Lunches will be in classes and staggered to allow the students to eat and have outdoor times separately.
- Primary classes (P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7) will eat between 12:00-12:25 p.m. and go outside between 12:30-12:55 p.m.
- Intermediate classes (Rms 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1) will eat from 12:30-12:55 p.m. and go outside between 12:00-12:25 p.m.

- Tammie, our Lunch Program Coordinator, will be sending out an email to families with further information.
- There will be no PASCAL this year.
- Lunch Program staff will be hired for each class to allow for one individual to be designated per classroom.
- There will be no microwaves available for use this year.
- There will be separate cleaning staff to sanitize classrooms after students have eaten.

- If a student becomes ill at school, they must go home immediately.
- The student will be brought to the office, given a mask if they don't have one, and will be isolated near our Ecosystem area while being monitored by a staff member.
- Parents/Guardians will be called to pick up their child immediately.
- Once the parent or designated person arrives, they can buzz the office using the intercom or call 204-488-4422, and a staff member will walk the child out to meet you.
- If a COVID-19 case is known, we will inform all necessary individuals and follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS SICK AT SCHOOL?

EARLY PICK-UP/DROP OFF

- Please call the office @ 204-488-4422 to let Zoya or Lianne know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready.
 - Once you arrive, please buzz the office using the intercom and a staff member will ensure a safe meet-up outside of the school.
 - If you need to give something to the office, please phone the school to speak with Zoya or Lianne and make the necessary arrangements.
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Room 9, N/K English - Miss Ashley White
Room 11 AM & PM, Hebrew K - Morah Simone
P2, Gr 1 Hebrew - Morah Chana/Morah Naomi
P5, Gr 1 Hebrew - Morah Naomi/Morah Chana
P7, Gr 1/2 English - Ms. Marika White
P6, Gr 2 Hebrew - Mrs. McKiel/Morah Paula
P4, Gr 2/3 Hebrew - Morah Paula/Mrs. McKiel
P3, Gr 3 Hebrew - Ms. Thio/Morah Sofia
Room 8, Gr 4 Hebrew - Morah Sofia/Ms. Thio
Room 6, Gr 3/4 English - Mrs. T
Room 1, Gr 4/5 Hebrew - Miss Mandaliti/Morah Lilia
Room 2, Gr 4/5 English - Mr. Fjeldsted
Room 3, Gr 5 Hebrew - Morah Lilia/Miss Mandaliti
Room 5, Gr 5/6 English - Mrs. Pereles
Room 4, Gr 6 Hebrew - Morah Leah

- All Phys. Ed. classes will be taught by Mr. McGregor outside. Equipment will only be used per class and sanitized frequently. If the weather is not suitable for outdoor Phys. Ed., Health will be taught in the classroom.
- Music classes will be in the classroom. Morah Sarah will be teaching a variety of Performing Arts techniques that will not include singing, but will include an abundance of other engaging learning activities.
- French will be taught in the classrooms by Morah Sarah.
- If necessary, itinerant teachers will be used in “Regular” classes.
- Our Support teachers include: SERT - Mrs. Kwiatkowski; Mrs. Gordon, EAL; Morah Stav, Hebrew Support

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

We are asking families to practise the following rules to ensure the safety of our Brock Corydon community:

- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a water bottle.
- We strongly recommend wearing a mask (Masks are mandated for all staff and for students in Grades 4-6, including Rm 6).
- 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 1 meter 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.).

PRACTISING THE "FUNDAMENTALS"

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

HELPFUL LINKS AND RESOURCES