



Back to School



2020-2021



Table of Contents

Slide 3- Welcome Back!

Slide 4- How Have We Gotten Ready

Slide 5- What Are Cohorts?

Slide 6- Before You Send Your Child to School

Slide 7- When Arriving at School

Slide 8- Classroom Set-Up

Slide 9- Bussing

Slide 10- Recess

Slide 11- Lunch

Slide 12- Walking Through the School

Slide 13- Appointments

Slide 14- Dismissal

Slide 15- Let's Get Outside

Slide 16- What Happens if my Child Becomes Ill at School?

Slide 17- Mental Health/Well Being

Slide 18 - Masks

Slide 19- School Supplies

Slide 20- Helpful Links/Resources



Welcome Back!

Hello Gladstone 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 keep your child at home, registered through provincial home schooling. 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.

How Have We Gotten Ready



Classrooms

We have opened another classroom to reduce class sizes.

Classrooms have been set up to ensure physical distancing as per Government guidelines.

Thorough cleaning has been done and will continue at regular intervals throughout the day, with another full cleaning in the evening.



School

We have signage throughout the school reminding everyone about physical distancing and health protocols.

We have ordered supplies such as dividers for tables and canopies to provide shade for outdoor learning. We have also been supplied with PPE, sanitizer and sanitizer stations and cleaning supplies.



Expectations

We are closely following the expectations from Manitoba Health, Manitoba Education and the Winnipeg School Division. Current mandates and recommendations are explained further in the following slides.

What Are Cohorts?

Cohorts are groups of students (less than 75) that will stay in the same part of the building, have recess together, and have lunch together. Lunch will be in the classrooms.



NK

NK students will enter through the front doors. We will ask parents to meet their teacher outside and to pick up outside at the end of the morning/afternoon.



Cohort 1

Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6 will form Cohort 1. These students will enter/exit through the front doors, have recess together (in designated spots) and share a lunch hour.



Cohort 2

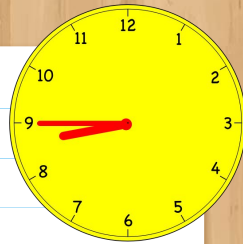
Rooms 12, 13 and 14 will form Cohort 2. These students will enter/exit through the back recess doors, have recess together (in designated spots) and share a lunch hour.



Before You Send Your Child to 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. Water fountains will not be operating at this time. Snack will still be provided, following appropriate guidelines.
- Masks are **mandatory** for students in Grades 4-6, as well as on the bus. They are strongly recommended in all other grades.

When Arriving at School



Lining Up Outside

- All students will meet their teachers in designated, physically distanced spots outside. N-3 students will line up on the hardtop and 4-6 students near the field. Staff will be on hand on Gertrude to meet students to direct them to their lines. Please “drop and go”. Please do not arrive before 8:45 am.

Second Screening

- All students will undergo a second health screening before entering the school. It is imperative that children are healthy and symptom free. Any student who displays any symptoms will have to go home.

Separate Entrances

- N-3 students will enter through the front doors on Gertrude and 4-6 students will enter through the back recess doors. Everyone will sanitize upon entry.

Parents in the School

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.

Classroom Set-Up

- All classrooms have been set up with Physical distancing as per Government regulations.
- Some protective dividers will be in Primary classrooms and all students in grade 4-6 are expected to wear masks.
- Classrooms and materials will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Students will have their own supply kits and materials.
- Soft materials and carpets will not be in classrooms at this time.

Bussing



- **At this time, parents are being asked to drive their child to and from school, if possible.**
- We are still waiting for confirmation about students who will be bussed, because of COVID restrictions and a possible strike.
- **Should the busses be running,**
 - Students in grades 4 - 6 will be expected to wear masks on the bus.
 - Students displaying any symptoms will not be allowed on the bus.
 - Students will follow arrival procedures once at school.

Recess

- Cohorts will have recess at the same time.
- They will however, have designated play areas. These will be rotated weekly.
- Each room will have its own recess equipment.
- Students will wash their hands or sanitize before and after.

Lunch

- All students will eat lunch in classrooms.
- Cohort 1 will have lunch from 11:30 - 12:30, eating and then recess.
- Chort 2 will have lunch from 12:00 - 1:00, eating and then recess.
- Students will be reminded not to share any food.
- Students will wash their hands before and after.
- Classrooms will be cleaned before classes resume.
- Please send your child with necessary utensils and easy to eat foods.

Microwaves will not be available.



Walking Through The School

Reduced Traffic

As much as possible, all traffic in the hallways will be limited.

Cleaning

Cleaning will take place at regular intervals throughout the day, in classrooms and throughout the school.

Signage

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



Appointments



- Please do everything possible to ensure that your child is on time, in order to follow all of the arrival steps.
- Should your child be late, please call the school to inform us so that we can have a screener meet your child.
- Your child will be met outside the front doors, screened and then walked in through the appropriate entry door.
- If your child is being picked up early, please call ahead so that we can have your child ready to go. Your child will be walked out to meet you through the appropriate door.




Dismissal

- All students will be organized into daycare, bus, and pick up groups before being walked outside.
- Students will then leave from their appropriate door and wait outside for pick up from daycare, parent or bus supervisor (if busses are running).
- Students attending Fort Rouge Coop's in school site, will be dropped off at the appropriate classroom on the way out of the school.
- Parents are asked not to come into the building, rather to pick up children outside.



Let's Get Outside!

- 
- 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 curriculum into outdoor learning.
 - Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including a hat and water bottle for heat and appropriate winter clothing for cold months.

What Happens If My Child Gets Sick

- If a student becomes ill at school they must go home immediately.
- The student will be brought to the office, given a mask (primary) and will be isolated while being monitored by a staff member.
- Parents/Guardians will be called to pick up their child immediately. Children must be picked up as soon as possible.
- Once you arrive, please phone the school and a staff member will walk the child out to meet you.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directive from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.



This has been a challenging time for everyone, including our children. Making sure that our students feel safe, calm and ready to learn is a priority.

- Our clinicians have partnered with staff to support students in their return to school and will also be available to support families.
- 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 Project 11, Mindfulness, and Self-Regulation initiatives.

A red pushpin is pinned to the bottom right corner of the white grid paper strip, holding it in place.

**Mental Health
and Well-Being**

Masks



- All students in grades 4, 5 and 6 must wear a mask – it is a mandate from Manitoba Public Health. We recommend that students have 2 masks at school everyday, should one get wet or soiled. These masks will come home everyday to be properly washed.
-
-
-
-
-
- Please help your child to practice wearing a mask for extended periods of time as well as how to properly put on their masks. This will be reviewed at school also.
-
-
-

[Wearing a mask](#) video



Teachers have purchased bulk supplies that will then be put into individual kits. Letters with your school supply fee will be sent home on the first day.

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

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

Thank You



These expectations may of course change. Our social media sites will be updated regularly. Call us or email at any time. We sincerely look forward to seeing our Gladstone Learners!

204.475.4767
gladstone@wsd1.org or twarner@wsd1.org