



Pinkham School - Back to School Plan 2020-2021

Welcome Back Pinkham Families!!

We have prepared some information for you to answer some of the questions you may have about coming back to school. The information is based on the current recommendations from the Province of Manitoba and The Winnipeg School Division. The plan will change as the government and the division adjust plans to respond to COVID-19.

There are 2 options for school right now - to attend school or to keep you child(ren) at home to home school (you must register with the provincial home schooling program).

Working together, we will move forward and have the best reopening that we can in our current situation. If at anytime you have any questions, please call the school at 204-785-5749 or email at vmowez@wsd1.org.

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 have been supplied with masks, sanitizer stations and additional cleaning supplies.

Classrooms

Classroom tables are all at least one metre apart and classrooms are in cohorts. Cohorts are groups of students (less than 75) that will stay in the same part of the building and have recess together. Lunch program will be in classrooms. **ONLY STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS ARE IN SCHOOL OR AT WORK DURING THE LUNCH PERIOD WILL STAY FOR LUNCH AT SCHOOL.** Thorough cleaning has been done and will continue through the day and evening during the school year.

Expectations

We are following the expectations from Manitoba Health, Manitoba Education and The Winnipeg School Division. Students are expected to follow our **C.A.R.E.** principles when at school.

ENTRY AND EXIT

ROOMS 115 AND 118 (formerly Room 218) - Students will enter and exit through the daycare doors. Parents will meet their teachers outside and pick up outside at the end of the morning/afternoon.

ROOMS 217 AND 215 - Students will enter and exit through the front doors. Parents will meet their teachers outside and pick up outside at the end of the morning/afternoon.

ROOMS 205 AND 203 - Students will enter and exit through the back doors on Alexander Avenue. Parents will meet their teachers outside and pick up outside at the end of the morning/afternoon.

COHORT 1 - 118, 217 and 215 (Currently 60 students)

COHORT 2 - 205 and 203 (Currently 40 students)

BEFORE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL....

- Caregivers **MUST** prescreen their child(ren) at home to ensure they are not presenting with any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.
- Screening Tool - <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Pack a water bottle. Water fountains will not be open. Snack and breakfast program will be provided, following provincial guidelines. Breakfast program will not be at 8:30 a.m. Students who choose to have breakfast will eat it in the classroom at 9:00 a.m.
- **MASKS are MANDATORY for students in Grades 4-6.** Other grades are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to wear masks. Cloth masks must be washed daily.
- When you arrive at school, students will line up outside and be met by staff at the doors indicated on a previous page. Parents/caregivers are not to be inside the school. If you need to meet with a staff member, please call the school in advance and make an appointment and they will meet with you outside.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students will have their own supply kit. All school supplies have been purchased. Grades 1-6 will need to bring \$25 to school on the first day of classes and N/K fee will be \$15.

RECESS

Cohorts will have recess at the same time. They will have designated play areas that will be rotated. Students will wash/sanitize their hands after each recess.

LUNCH

Lunch program students of parents who are working or going to school during the lunch break will eat in the classroom. All students will have lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m. One cohort will have lunch from 12:00-12:30 p.m. while the other cohort goes outside. From 12:30-1:00 p.m. the cohorts will switch going outside and eating lunch. Classrooms will be cleaned after lunch before classes start. There will be **NO MICROWAVEABLE lunches.**

REDUCED HALLWAY TRAFFIC

As much as possible, all traffic in the hallways will be limited. Arts will take place in the classroom and Physical Education will be in class, the gym and or outdoors.

Classes start at 9:00 a.m. Staff will be outside from 8:50-9:00 a.m./ 12:55-1:00 p.m. to meet your child(ren). It is important that your child(ren) are on time for school. Children should NOT arrive at school prior to 8:45 a.m. in the morning and not prior to 12:50 p.m. in the afternoon. Students will be walked outside by staff at 3:30 p.m. for dismissal.

If your child becomes sick during the day they will need to go home immediately. They will be given a mask if they do not have one, brought to the office to isolate and monitored by a staff member. Parents/guardians will be called to pick up their child immediately. Once you arrive at the school, please phone the school 204-786-5749 and a staff members will walk your child outside to meet you. If a COVID-19 case is known in the school 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.

- Clinical support services will be working with our staff to support students in their return to school and will also be available to support families.
- Staff will support students who are experiencing all of the emotions and uncertainty COVID-19 has created.
- Staff will continue supporting students through our C.A.R.E. program, mindfulness and self-regulation.

HELPFUL LINKS

Winnipeg School Division Pandemic Planning

<https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Framework%20for%20School%20Planning%20during%20pandemic%20WEB.pdf>

Winnipeg School Division Parent/Guardian Guide

<https://www.winnipeg.sd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Covid-19%20Parent%20Guardian%20handout.pdf>

Homeschooling Information

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

Return to School Information from the Province of Manitoba

<http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html>

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

We hear this all the time and we mean it - we are here to work with you and your family. Staff will be retuning to school on September 2 and students return on September 8. If you wish to speak with a staff member you may call them at school after September 2 at 204-786-5749.

The plan on the attached pages will change and we will update you as we receive new information and mandates from the province and the division. We look forward to seeing our Pinkham School Families!!!

I would like to acknowledge our custodians, Kevin and Jojo. They have been working throughout the summer to ensure our school is safe and ready to open.

THANK YOU KEVIN AND JOJO for you DEDICATION to PINKHAM SCHOOL!!!!