



Welcome back to Champlain School

A guide to Safe Re-opening
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A guide of what to expect when you come to Champlain:

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We are so happy to
see you!

We have missed you!



The end of the last school year was very challenging due to COVID-19. We have missed all of you and are looking forward to seeing you back at Champlain School.

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

Please contact the school if you have any additional questions. (204) 586-5139

*****Guidelines are subject to change to meet current Provincial health regulations.**

Before you come to school, families play a critical role:

- **Caregivers must prescreen** their child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. 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/>
- **NOTE: ALL FAMILIES MUST ADHERE TO THE REGULATIONS ON THIS LINK**
- **Pack a water bottle.** Water fountains will not be operating at this time. Snack will be provided following appropriate guidelines.
- **Masks are mandatory** for staff and students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Masks are recommended for all students.



When arriving at school:

Lining Up Outside • All students will meet their teachers in designated, physically distanced spots outside. Each grade level will have a separate entrance. Grade $\frac{1}{2}$ - west doors. Grade $\frac{2}{3}$ and 3 - front doors. Grade $\frac{4}{5}$ - back doors. Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ - gym doors. Pick up and drop off areas will be at these doors. Start times will be 8:50 and 12:55.

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. All students will wash their hands upon arrival.



Nursery/Kindergarten - will meet at the primary play structure. Start times will be 9:00 and 1:00.

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.

Late arrival Please enter the front doors if you arrive late. A staff member will come to assist you.



What are cohorts?



- **Cohorts** are groups of students that will stay in the same part of the building, have recess together, and have lunch together. Lunch will be in the classrooms.

- **Primary Grades 1-3 Cohort:** Room 213, Room 214, Room 215, Room 216

- **Intermediate Grades 4 to 6 Cohort:** Room 207, Room 209, Room 211, Room 212

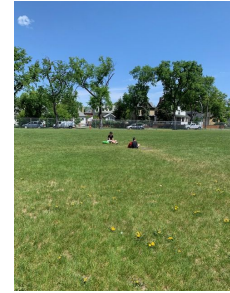
Lunch - Students in the lunch program will eat in their cohorts.

Cohort 1 will eat lunch then go outside at 12:30.

Cohort 2 will go outside then eat lunch at 12:30.



Recess



- Recesses will be staggered between the primary cohort and the intermediate cohorts.

- All cohorts will have their own recess equipment.

- NOTE: The play structure will not be sanitized between use. Students will wash their hands before and after recess.

Primary Recess - will be at 10:30 and 2:30

Intermediate Recess - will be at 10:45 and 2:45

Recess will be a time for students to have a break from wearing masks. They will be expected to play 2 metres apart.





Breakfast/Lunch Program



- **Breakfast** program will start at 8:40. Students can sign up then sit one per table at the outdoor tables by the back door. Breakfast is free for all students.

- **Lunch** Program will continue to be run by Parent Council in partnership with Daycare. Please request an application from the office if you need a space for your child in the lunch program. ****Lunch program spaces are limited to families where the adults are working or attending school.*** ● All students will eat lunch in their classrooms.

- There will be no heat up lunches at this time. Please send lunches that can be eaten cold.

- Rooms 213, 214, 215 and 216 will eat between 12:00 and 12:30 and will have outdoor time from 12:30- 1:00. ● Rooms 207, 209, 211 and 212 will eat between 12:30 and 1:00 and have outdoor time between 12:00 and 12:30.

***We ask that all students *not* in lunch program please remain at home until just before the 12:55 bell.**



Walking in the School

Students and staff in all public areas will follow social distancing (2 metres apart) and will follow the arrows for directionality when walking in the hallway.

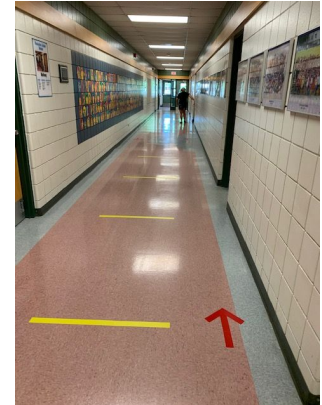
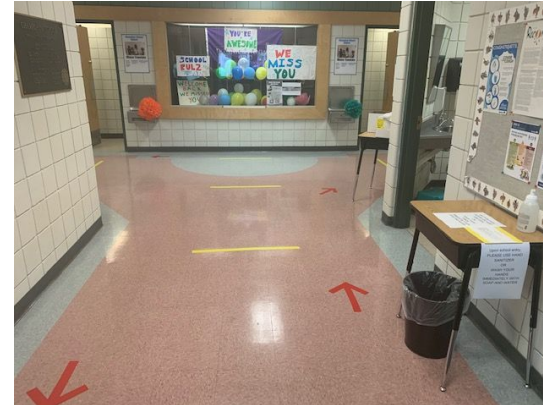
Red arrows on the floor indicate the direction to walk throughout the school (Please stay to the right).

Yellow lines throughout the school are set 2 metres apart. If students have to line up or stop in the hallway, the lines will show them where to stand to be safe.



Primary students will enter, exit and stay on the west side of the school throughout the day.

Intermediate students will enter, exit and stay on the east side of the school throughout the day.



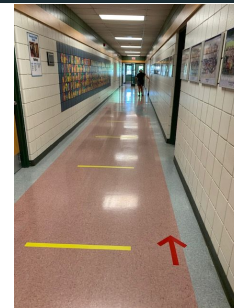


Washrooms

- The washrooms will now be separated by grade groups and/or cohorts. Students are assigned washrooms for the school day and there will be a limit of two students in the washroom at once. All primary children will be escorted to their designated washroom during the training phase or longer, as needed.
- There will be a system to monitor if the washroom is in use.
- Yellow lines on the floor are marked 2 metres apart to wait for the washroom if in use.

- Rooms 214 and 216 will use the washroom in Room 117. Rooms 213 and 215 will use the washrooms on the main floor by the office. Rooms 207, 209, 211 and 212 will use the second floor washrooms.

When entering the school and prior to and after recess, Room 212 will wash hands in the gym and Room 207 will wash hands in their classroom.





What will the classrooms be like?

- Classrooms have been set up to ensure as much physical distancing as possible. Some classrooms have been moved to larger spaces to allow for more physical distancing.
- 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. Teachers have purchased bulk supplies that will then be put into individual kits.

- Music/Arts and Phys. Ed. Teachers will travel to classrooms or take children outside. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for an increase in outdoor learning.

NOTE: Performing Arts and Physical Education will continue to follow safety guidelines





Increased Cleaning/Disinfecting:



There will be increased cleaning and disinfecting throughout the day and at the end of the day, especially high touch surfaces such as door knobs, faucet handles, washrooms etc.

Signage for handwashing and social distancing is visible throughout the school.

Hand sanitizing stations are available at the main entrance and back entrance of the school.

Supplies will not be shared amongst students.

Students will wash their hands upon entering and before exiting the school.

All classrooms will have sanitizer and cleaning supplies, as well.





Appointments and Pick-Ups:



- Please call the office and let our office staff know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready. (204)-586-5139.
- Once you arrive please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside of the school.

Caregivers are asked to meet students outside of their designated doors.

- N/K students will be at the primary play structure, weather permitting. Otherwise, N/K students will be closely monitored and handed off for pick-ups at the west doors.
- Parents/Caregivers are not allowed in the school at this time.



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
- 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 designate, arrive, phone the school at (204)-586-5139 and a staff member will walk your child out to meet you.
- Please contact Health Links (204) 788-8200 or your family doctor.
- Students must remain at home until they can pass the screening tool (i.e. no symptoms)
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow all directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.



Learning



- All Winnipeg School Division teachers will utilize WSD assessment tools, observation, 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.
- Champlain School will continue Reading Recovery for Grade 1 students, Read To Me framework for grades 1 to 3 students and LIST support for two Intermediate classrooms.

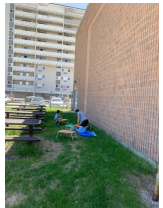
- We have a Literacy/Numeracy Support Teacher, a Special Education Resource Teacher and a Guidance Counsellor

- All classrooms will use either Google Classrooms or See Saw (for communication and for possible virtual learning)

As we return, the province of Manitoba has 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 for heat and appropriate winter clothing for cold months.





Student Mental Health and Well-Being



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.

- Student mental well-being will be monitored and supported as students return to school.
- Staff will continue supporting students through Mindfulness, Thrival Kits, Project 11 and Self-Regulation initiatives.





General Recommendations:

- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Masks are mandatory for staff and students grades 4 and higher. Masks are recommended for all students.
- Wash your hands with soap multiple times a day (e.g. start and end of the day, when using washroom, before food prep/eating, when they are dirty, after wiping your nose, etc.).
- Hand Sanitizer is also available at the school.
- Keep 2 metres 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.).





Helpful Links and Resources:

Link to **WSD Pandemic Planning**: <https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Pages/default.aspx>

Link to **COVID-19 Home Screening Tool**: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

Link to **WSD Pandemic Planning Framework**:

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

Return to school information for parents/guardians:

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf

Parents/Guardians 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

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



Thank You!

We sincerely look forward to seeing our Champlain Learners! We want to say how excited we are to have everyone back at school. 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. These expectations may, of course, change. Call us or email at any time. We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning!

Lisa Hasselfield Principal

