

Welcome Back Guide to École George V School!

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WELCOME BACK!

Hello George V 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.

Safe arrival 1-855-278-4513 to report your child's absence, or for other inquiries call the school directly at 204-669-4482.

HOW HAVE WE PREPARED?

IN CLASSROOMS:

- Seating arrangements are adjusted to allow for physical distancing.
- Thorough cleaning will be done in the evening and during the day.
- We are prepared to relocate classrooms to larger spaces such as the gym or music room. Thus far, this is not needed. If our enrolment increases, some classrooms may need to relocate. We have a plan in place in the event this is necessary.

AROUND THE SCHOOL:

- Signage is posted around the school to remind everyone about physical distancing and health protocols.
- We have ordered supplies such as dividers, masks sanitizer and sanitizing stations.
- We are monitoring expectations from Manitoba Health, Manitoba Education and the Winnipeg School Division.

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 lunchroom on a rotational schedule.



Cohort 1 (Rooms 115, 110 & 307) These students do not have recess and Rooms 115 and 110 do not stay for lunch. Some of our older students do not stay for lunch either. These students will enter/exit using the little building doors (on Grey).

Cohort 2 (Rooms 111, 119 & 123) These students will enter/exit using the little building doors at the back of the playground.

Cohort 3 (Rooms 112, 202, 203) These students will enter/exit using the linkway doors.

Cohort 4 (Rooms 302, 303, 304) These students will enter/exit using the front doors of the school.

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.
- Masks are **mandatory** for students in Grades 4-12, 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 their designated door. **Students are to arrive no earlier than 8:45, as we cannot provide supervision for them before 8:45.**

Second Screening

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

Separate Entrances

Each cohort will be lining up at different entrances around the school. Please take note of these entrances and where your child is to line up.

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 to maximize physical distancing.
- Protective dividers will be in some classrooms and all students in grade 4-12 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 - 12 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.
- Each room will have its own recess equipment.
- Students will wash their hands before and after.



LUNCH



Students will eat in the lunchroom, but on a rotation, allowing for cleaning in between students.

Cohort 2 will have lunch from 12:00-12:30, eating and then recess.

Cohort 3 will have lunch from 12:30 – 12:45, recess then eating.

Cohort 4 will have lunch from 12:45-1:00, recess , then eating.

- **Students will be reminded not to share any food.**
- **Students will wash their hands before and after.**

WALKING THROUGH THE SCHOOL

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

Cleaning: Cleaning will take place regularly, including door handles and rails.

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 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).
- 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 training on how to embed outdoor learning into daily classroom practice.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather including a hat and water bottle for the heat and appropriate clothing for colder weather.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS ILL AT SCHOOL?

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 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.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

This has been a challenging time for all of us, especially our children. Making sure our students feel safe, calm, and ready to learn is a priority.

- Our clinicians are partnering with us to help us provide supports for our students.
- As always, there are a number of agencies who we work with to ensure our students have the supports they need.
- Here are a few resources that you might find helpful:
 - <http://www.manitobaparentzone.ca/parent-or-caregiver/teens/mental-health.html>
 - <https://cmha.ca/>

MASKS & SANITIZING

- All students in grades 4-12 must wear a mask - it is a mandate from Manitoba Public Health. **We recommend that students bring at least 2 masks daily to school.**
- Please help your child to practice wearing a mask for extended periods of time.
- The school will supply hand sanitizer throughout the day (please avoid sending sanitizer with your child).



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Teachers have purchased bulk supplies that will then be put into individual kits.
- These supplies will be individualized at school. Students are not to share supplies.



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IF CHANGES OR UPDATES ARE NEEDED...

- Please see the school website as the first place to look.
<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/GeorgeV/Pages/default.aspx>
- School Messenger will be used to alert parents that new information is available, however the school website is the main communication tool.
- Also, please ensure that the office has the most **recent contact information** for your family in the event you need to be reached quickly. (home phone and cell are appreciated).

OTHER RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

If homeschooling is an option you are interested in, please visit the website below:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>

- 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>
- At Home Screening Tool:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

A QUICK WORD OF THANKS!

I would like to conclude with a message of gratitude to all parents/guardians. We are going to depend on each other throughout this school year. The way school operates is going to be different for us all, however as always, we are striving to provide a high quality education while ensuring student safety as our priority. We thank you and look forward toward our continued partnership throughout the year.

Thanks,

Matt Couture

Directeur/Principal