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WELCOME BACK TO STRATHCONA SCHOOL!!!

A Guide to a Safe Re-Opening
September 2020







Dear Strathcona School Families,

Welcome back to school! We have prepared these slides to help answer many of the questions you might have. The information is based on current recommendations from the Province and the Winnipeg School Division. Details and plans can change depending on the changing COVID-19 situation.

There are only 2 options right now - either attend school or keep your child at home and register 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.





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HOW ARE WE PREPARING STUDENTS?

- Thorough cleaning has been done and will continue throughout every day and each evening.
- We have signage throughout the school reminding everyone about physical distancing and health protocols.
- We have marked outdoor waiting areas to identify safe distance when dropping off or picking up students.
- Classrooms have been set up to ensure as much physical distancing as possible.
- We have been supplied with masks, sanitizer, sanitizer stations and cleaning supplies.
- We are closely following the expectations from Manitoba Health, Manitoba Education and the Winnipeg School Division.



BEFORE YOU SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

- Caregivers must pre-screen their child/children every day to ensure that they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 or flu related 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/>
- Call Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 if you notice symptoms or if you need more information.



FACEMASKS



- All staff and students in grades 4-6 are required to wear a facemask when physical distancing of 2 meters is not possible and while in common areas in the school setting (unless there are medical issues or required accommodations that prevent the student from wearing a mask. Please contact the school if you require further information).
- Each student in grades 4 - 6 will receive 2 individual reusable masks. Additional masks are recommended and cannot be purchased from the school.
- Students in other grades are recommended to wear non-medical face masks when physical distancing of 2 metres is not possible and while in common areas in the school setting.
- Staff will review proper handling and disposal of masks.
- As the public health situation evolves, this may change.



WATER BOTTLES

- Please ensure that your child brings a labeled, filled water bottle with them each day to school as the water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- We ask that the water bottles be returned home daily, washed and refilled for the next day.
- Additional water will be accessible for all students to use to refill their water bottles when needed.



WHAT IS A COHORT?

- A cohort is a group of students that will stay in the same part of the building, have recess together, and if enrolled in the lunch program, will eat lunch together.
- Physical distancing within the cohort includes a minimum of one metre separation between students when seated at desks or tables.





ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

- School hours are: 8:50am – 12:00pm (N/K morning program ends at 11:30)
12:55pm – 3:30pm
- Students are strongly encouraged to arrive no earlier than 8:45am for morning classes and 12:50pm for afternoon classes.
- All students will meet their teachers in a designated, physically distanced area.
- A second health screening will be conducted by a teacher or educational assistant. Any student who displays any symptoms will have to go home.
- Students will be given hand sanitizer prior to entering 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.***



ASSIGNED MEETING AREA & DOORS



- To minimize movement throughout the school, students will meet in a designated area and use assigned doors when they enter and exit the school. See map on next slide.

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN

Meeting Place: Small Play Structure alongside Alfred Ave.

Doors: Playground Doors

GRADES 1 - 3

Meeting Place: Playground Hardtop

Doors: Playground Doors

GRADES 4 – 6

Meeting Place:

- **Courtyard Sidewalk (Grades 4 & 5)**
- **Alongside Wading Pool Fence**

Doors: Courtyard Doors

WALKING IN THE HALLWAYS

- As much as possible, traffic in the hallways will be limited.
- Please stay to the right and follow the arrows.
- Stay 2 metres apart (the floor decals/markings are set 2 metres apart to help you distance appropriately).
- Signage for physical distancing, hand washing and direction will be highly visible throughout the school.





CLASSROOM SET-UP

- Classrooms will largely look the same.
- All classrooms have been set up to maximize physical distancing of 1 metre.
- Student supplies will no longer be shared. Each student will receive their own materials. Please ensure classroom supply fees are given to the classroom teacher during the first week of school.
- Classroom materials will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Soft materials and carpets will not be in classrooms at this time.
- If materials (ie. iPads) are shared, they will be disinfected after use.



RECESS

- Cohorts will have recess at the same time.
- They will however, have designated play areas which will be rotated weekly.
- Each classroom will have their own equipment which will be disinfected daily.
- All classroom teachers and EA's will supervise their cohort outside during recess.
- Students will wash their hands/use hand sanitizer before and after recess.
- Masks are required for grades 4 – 6 while inside the school however, masks are not required while outdoors. Masks will be housed in a labeled, individualized paper bag inside a bin when not in use.

RECESS ZONES





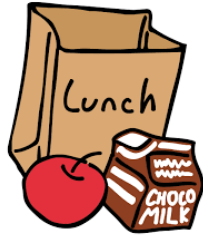
BATHROOMS

- The Primary Cohorts (grades 1 – 3) will use the bathrooms on the main floor.
- The Intermediate Cohorts (grades 4 – 6) will use the bathrooms on the second floor.
- Nursery/Kindergarten will use the bathroom attached to their classroom.
- Only one student will be allowed to be in the bathroom at a time.
- Decals on the floor will be marked to wait for the bathroom if in use.
- Handwashing signs will be posted on the walls.

BREAKFAST & SNACK PROGRAMS



- The Breakfast Program will run out of each classroom during regularly scheduled school hours.
- Students may take a nutritious “grab and go” baggie from the classroom breakfast bin and eat at their desk.
- Mid-morning snacks will continue to be offered to all students.
- All food items will be distributed by the Nutrition Coordinator and/or the classroom teacher.
- All food will be prepackaged and/or individually wrapped.
- Students will wash hands/use hand sanitizer before and after eating.



LUNCH PROGRAM

- Students who are in the lunch program will eat in their individual classrooms supervised by an educational assistant.
- Students will wash their hands/use hand sanitizer before and after eating.
- Students will go to designated cohort playground zones for the second half of the lunch hour.
- Lunch program will only be available to students whose parents are working or attending school during the day.
- Lunch program fees still apply – contact the school for details.



LATES/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 to their classroom by an adult.
- If your child is being picked up early, please call the office ahead at 204-586-8394 so that we can have your child ready to go. Your child will be walked outside to meet you at the front doors.



DISMISSAL

- Caregivers/daycare are asked to meet students outside their designated doors.
- Students who are picking up siblings are expected to exit their assigned door and walk outside to the designated pick up area to collect the student.
- Nursery/Kindergarten and primary students will be closely monitored and handed off for pickups.
- Students will wash hands/use hand sanitizer prior to exiting the school.
- Parents are asked not to come into the building, but rather pick up their child(ren) outside.

USING THE OUTDOORS

- Strathcona School promotes using the outdoors to engage in learning. It is recommended that teachers use the outdoors as much as possible; weather permitting.
- Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather such as a hat, jacket, mittens etc.
- When staff are unable to use the outdoors, windows will be open as much as possible for air flow.



WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD GETS SICK AT SCHOOL?



- If a student develops symptoms at school they must go home for the safety of others.
- Caregivers will be notified to come and pick up their child immediately. Please make sure that the school has your current contact information and a back up to call in case you cannot be reached.
- The ill student will be removed from the classroom, given a mask, and will be isolated in a separate room while being monitored by a supervising adult.
- Once you or a designate arrive, call the office and a staff member will walk your child out to meet you.
- Call Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 or your health care provider for follow up.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.

LEARNING



- The learning focus will be on literacy and mathematics.
- Regular school attendance is expected.
- Students will continue to receive Visual Art, Music and Phys. Ed. All provincial guidelines will be followed.
- Teachers will continue to assess and report on student progress.
- We have a Literacy Support teacher, a full time Special Education Resource teacher, a half-time Math Support teacher and a half-time Behaviour Support teacher.
- All extra-curricular activities such as clubs and field trips are on hold.

STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH/WELL-BEING

- COVID-19 has been tough on all of us. Making sure that our students feel safe, calm and ready to learn is a priority.
- We will use all available resources to support our students' mental health/well-being, including social-emotional programming and mindfulness activities.
- Staff will be trained on trauma informed classrooms.
- Strathcona School will continue to be supported by Clinical Support Services (Psychology, Social Work, Speech and Language and Reading).





HELPFUL LINKS/RESOURCES

- 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/Gaurdian 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



CLOSING

In closing, we want to say how excited we are to see our students and Strathcona School families. These guidelines are set to best protect everyone and to keep everyone safe. We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Darazsi, Principal

Mr. Jeremy Midford, Vice Principal

