



# École Waterford Springs School January 2021

A Guide to a Safe Opening

We are a Peanut/Nut and Scent Free facility.

2090 Jefferson Avenue

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## Welcome to École Waterford Springs School!

Hello Waterford Springs Families,

COVID situation.

Welcome to the first day in our own school! We have prepared these slides to help answer some of the questions that you may have, especially during this time of pandemic. The information included is based on current recommendations from the province and the Winnipeg School Division. Please note, details in this plan can change depending on the changing

There are 2 options for the first two weeks of January for Nursery to Grade 6 students - to attend school in person or to participate in remote learning. All grade 7 and 8 students will be learning remotely.

Working together will help to ensure as smooth an opening as possible. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please call or email 204-694-9690 <a href="mailto:waterfordsprings@wsdl.org">waterfordsprings@wsdl.org</a>

## How Have We Gotten Ready



### Classrooms

Classrooms have been set up to ensure as much physical distancing as possible.

Thorough cleaning has been done and will continue throughout the day and evening.

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### School

There is signage throughout the school reminding everyone about physical distancing and health protocols.

Our school has been supplied with masks, sanitizer and sanitizer stations and cleaning supplies.

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### Expectations

Our school is closely following the expectations from Manitoba Health, Manitoba Education and the Winnipeg School Division.

## What Are Cohorts?

Cohorts are groups of up to 75 children and adults that will stay in the same part of the building, have recess together, and have lunch together. Lunch will be in the classrooms.



A cohort can be one classroom or two classrooms.

Cohorts have been assigned to use different doors for arrival, recesses, lunch and departure.

Please see the next slide for room numbers, teacher names and doors to be used.

## Doors for Arrival/Dismissal

Doors	Arrival/Dismissal	
West	1W10 Ms. Wood 2W04 Ms. Graustins 2W06 Ms. Zankowski	1W17 Ms. Salvador 2W05 Ms. Smyrski-Yu 2W07 Mr. Klan
South	1W05 Ms. Bova 1W07 Mme Yozenko 2W02 Mme Frederique 2W12 Ms. Chaudhari	1W06 Ms. Shafto 1W08 Mme Foulis 2W03 Ms. Ambaram
North	1W27 M. Singh 1W29 Ms. Carson 1W32 Ms. DeLeon 2W29 Ms. Jones	1W28 Mme Manicom 1W31 Ms. Torchia 2W28 Mme Ciancaglini
Main	2W21 Mme Coffell 2W25 Ms. Zinn 2W24 Ms. Bagri	



# Before You Send Your Child to School

- Caregivers must prescreen their child/children each day to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms unusual to them (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.
- See this link for the screening tool: <a href="https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/">https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/</a>
- Pack at least one labelled water bottle for each child. Water filling stations will be working but water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- Masks are mandatory for students in Grades 4-8. They are strongly recommended in all other grades.
- We recommend children bring 2 masks to school each day.

## When Arriving at School

#### Arriving at School

Parents are to pre-screen students before arrival.

Students are to arrive between 8:45 and 9:00am and enter through their

assigned doors. Teachers will be in their rooms ready to welcome the children.

Support staff will be at each door to assist with screening and directing

children to their rooms. Students are not to arrive before 8:45 am.

Afternoon Nursery and Kindergarten children are to arrive between 12:50 and

1:00 pm. Support staff will be at their door to assist with screening and

directing them to their rooms.

Children going home for lunch are to return between 12:55 and 1:00 pm and will be met by support staff at their cohort door who will screen them and direct them to their rooms.

#### 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.

## Classroom Set-Up

- All classrooms have been set up to follow physical distancing protocols.
- All students in Grades 4 to 8 are expected to wear masks. We very strongly recommend that students in Nursery to grade 3 wear a mask as well. It is requested that every child brings two masks to school every day.
- Classrooms and materials will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Students will have their own supply kits and materials.

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- Classrooms will play in assigned zones outside.
- Any recess equipment would be used by that cohort alone.
- Students will wash their hands before and after.
- Please ensure your child is dress appropriately as they will be outside.

### Lunch

- Reminder we are a peanut and nut free facility.
  - Lunch program is run by Parent Council
  - The lunch program coordinator, Robyn Whitney, can be contacted at <u>ewsslunchprogram@gmail.com</u>
  - Lunch will be from 12:00-12:55pm
  - Students bring their own food and will be reminded not to share any food
  - No microwaves for heating lunches
  - Students will eat in their classrooms
  - Students will wash their hands before and after.
  - Classrooms will be cleaned before classes resume.

## Walking Through Schools

### Reduced Traffic

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

### Cleaning

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

### Signage

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

### Music

Programming will follow WSD & government quidelines.



## Absences, 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 absent, late or departing early, please indicate this in the Safe Arrival system.
- Should your child be late, please call the school office at 204-694-9690 upon arrival to inform us so that we can have a screener meet your child.
- If your child is being picked up early, please call the office so that we can have your child ready to go.



- Students will leave from their appropriate cohort door for dismissal.
- Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 students will be dismissed to an approved caregiver.
- Parents are asked not to come into the building, rather to pick up children outside at the designated area.
- Parents are to follow physical distancing as per Public Health regulations.

## Let's Get Outside!



- The province of Manitoba has recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Physical Education teachers have taught children low organized games to play outside and gym classes will be outside when possible, weather permitting.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the winter weather.

## 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 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 our office and a staff member will walk the child out to meet you.
- If the child shows any symptoms, they are to stay home until symptom free before returning to school.
- Parents are encouraged to call Health Links with any questions by dialing 204-788-8200.

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 and counsellor continue to work with staff to support students 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 Mindfulness,
   and Self-Regulation initiatives.



Mental Health and Well-Being



## Masks

All students in grades 4 to 8 must wear a mask - it is a mandate from Manitoba Public Health. It is strongly recommended that nursery to grade 3 students also wear masks to school. We recommend that students have 2 masks at school everyday.

Please help your child to practice wearing a mask for extended periods of time.



Video on how to effectively take on and off a mask

Video for young children for mask wearing: <a href="https://youtu.be/a9QTxUklE0w">https://youtu.be/a9QTxUklE0w</a>



Teachers have purchased bulk supplies that will then be put into individual kits. Please make sure you have paid your school supply fees in full to the teacher.

### General Recommendations:



- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a labeled water bottle.
- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands with soap multiple times a day
   (e.g. start and end of the day, when using
   washrooms, before food prep/eating, when they are
   dirty, after wiping your nose, etc.).
- Keep 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Everyone must follow the guidelines to keep everyone safe.
- Minimize item sharing.

## Helpful Links

- Link to WSD Pandemic Planning:
- https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Pages/default.aspx
- Homeschooling Information:
  - https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html
    - **Restoring Safe Schools:**
    - https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html
    - Helpful videos:
    - Video on why masks are important For students (early/elementary)
    - <u>Videos on how to effectively wash your hands For students (early/elementary)</u>
    - Videos on how to effectively wash your hands For students (middle/senior) and staff
    - <u>Video on reducing the spread of COVID-19: Hygiene For students (early/elementary)</u>



Please note, details in this plan can change depending on the changing COVID situation. Our social media sites will be updated regularly. Call us or email at any time. We sincerely look forward to seeing our Waterford Springs learners!

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