

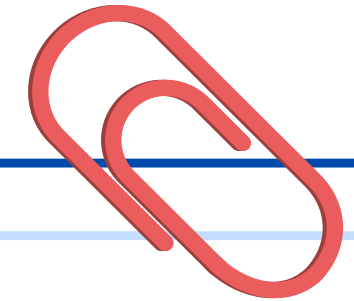
Back to School 2020-2021



Welcome back, lions!



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Welcome Back!



Hello Lansdowne families,

Welcome back to school! We know that this is an uncertain time for everyone, so we have prepared these slides to help answer some of the many questions you may have. This information is based on current recommendations from the Province of Manitoba and the Winnipeg School Division. Details and plans might change, based on the constantly changing COVID-19 situation. We will need to keep the partnership between home and school strong this year, which will mean keeping lines of communication open. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at 204-338-7039 or via email at lansdowne@wsd1.org. We are all in this together!

According to the Province of Manitoba's guidebook, *Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools*, in-class learning "will resume on September 8, 2020, for all students in public and funded independent schools (FIS) across the province. Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will return for five days of full, in-class instruction per week" (p. 8).

Please note that school administration, including the principal, vice principal, and any other school staff, cannot make any exceptions to this mandate or any other provincial policies.

Schooling Options

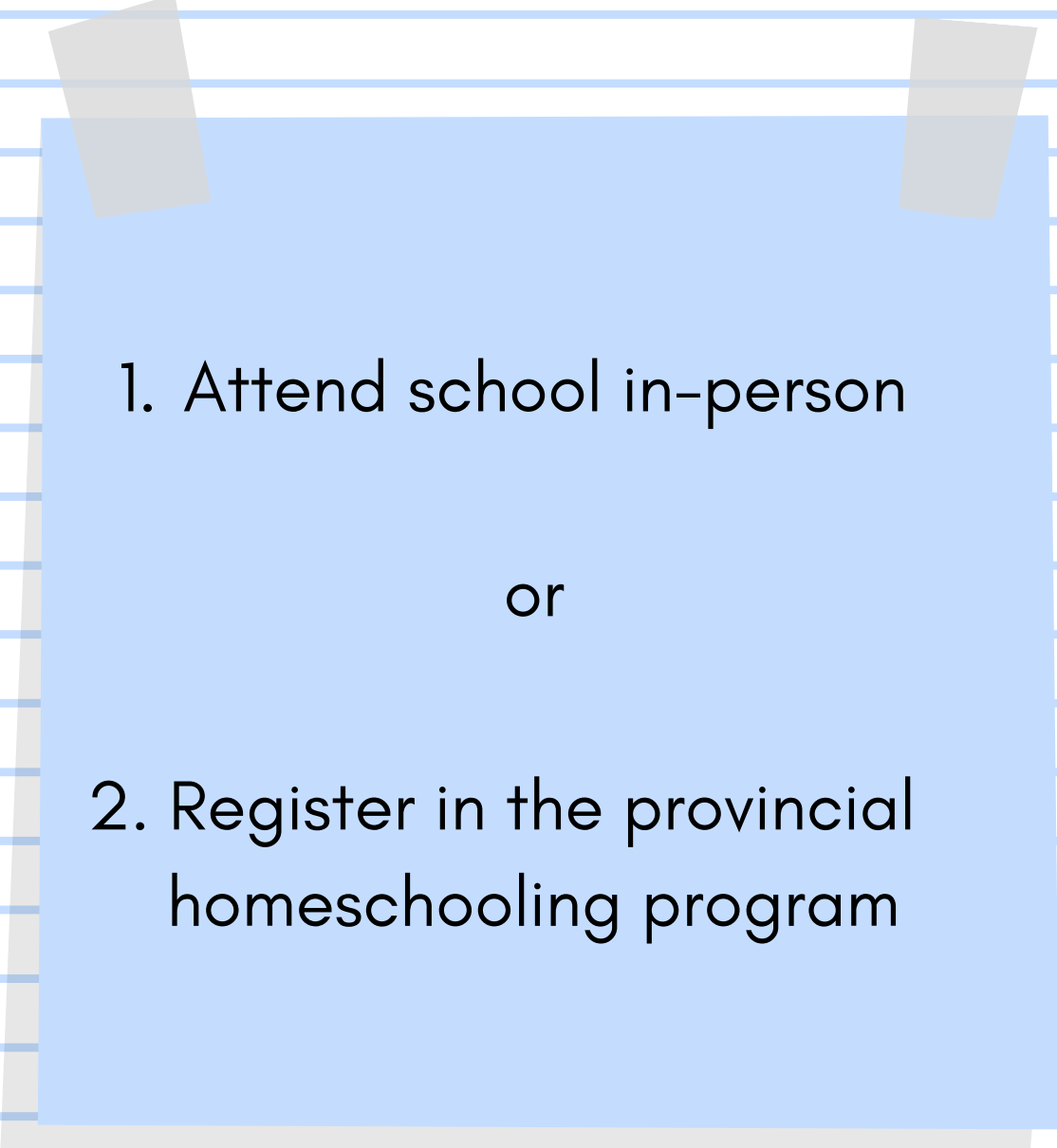
There are currently only two options: attend school in-person at École Lansdowne, or register in the provincial homeschooling program to keep your child at home for the year.

Please visit www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/ for more information on the homeschooling program.

Remote (online) learning is not available at this time, unless your child has a COVID-19 risk-related medical condition and has a note from their doctor. If you obtain a doctor's note, please contact the office at 204-338-7039 to let us know.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide home learning materials for any students without a doctor's note.

Our goal is to work together to keep your child safe while attending École Lansdowne, and to make this a positive, healthy, and safe experience for everyone in the building.



1. Attend school in-person

or

2. Register in the provincial homeschooling program

Before School

Remember
your mask!

Your before-school morning routine will look a little bit different this year!

Families play a critical role in keeping all of our Lansdowne students safe. Before leaving for school, **parents and guardians must pre-screen their child(ren) for COVID-19 symptoms each day** using the screening tool found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>. If your child has any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) they must stay home.

Please pack a water bottle along with your child's snacks and lunch that has been filled at home. Water fountains will not be operating at this time.

Masks are mandatory for staff and students in grades 4 and up, and are strongly recommended for students in grades 3 and below. Please make sure your child has a mask every day! Two reusable masks will be provided to every student in September. Masks will be worn on the school bus as well.

Please make sure that your child is wearing a mask everyday to help keep everyone safe!



Screen



Water



Mask

Transportation

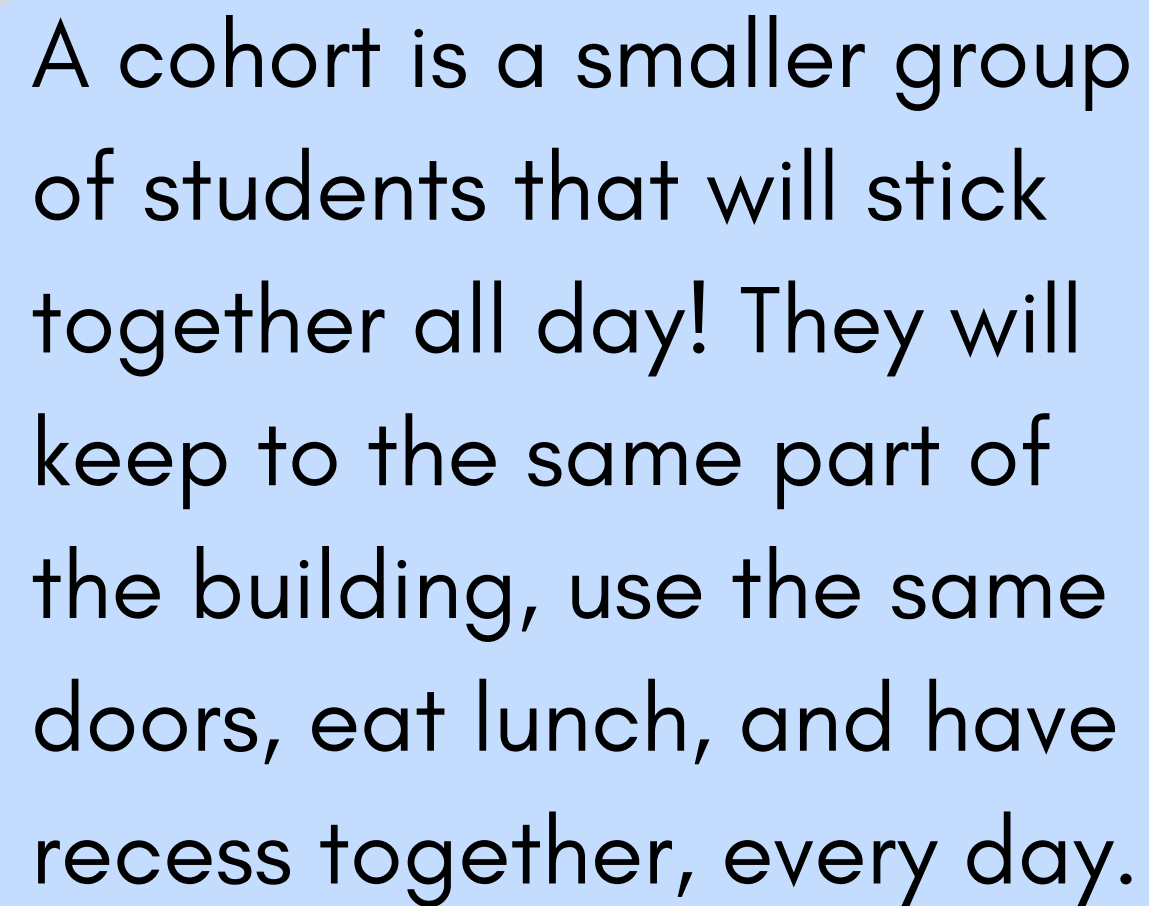
To avoid congestion and extra traffic, please use the Northgate parking lot to drop off your child(ren) in the morning.

Please note that physical distancing, masks, and cohorts will also be required while on the bus.

According to the Province of Manitoba's guidebook, *Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools*, in order to support "physical distancing on buses, to the greatest extent possible, parents are encouraged to transport their own children if they are able. Active transportation, such as walking and biking, should also be encouraged. For advice on carpooling, please visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/transportation.html" (p. 13).

If you are able, we ask that you consider driving, biking, or walking your child to and from school. We strongly recommend having a back up plan for getting your child(ren) to school other than the bus.

What is a Cohort?



A cohort is a smaller group of students that will stick together all day! They will keep to the same part of the building, use the same doors, eat lunch, and have recess together, every day.

Each grade level will be its own cohort at Lansdowne this year, meaning that each grade will stick together while also keeping apart from the other grade levels at school.

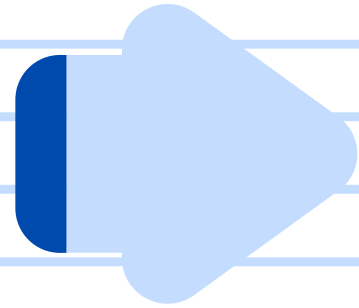
Each grade level cohort will have their own, dedicated doors to use each day, they will stay in the same part of the building (no roaming the halls), and will spend lunch hour and recess together.

The school yard will be divided into coloured zones in order to keep the cohorts separated during recess. Staff will ensure students are remaining in their zones.

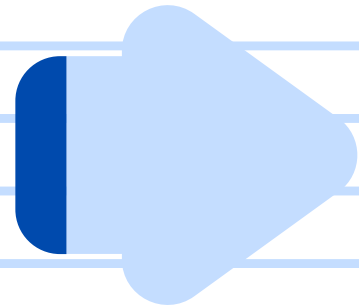
Zones will rotate on a schedule so that all children will have equitable access to the play structure, field, swings, and hard top.

Please make sure to check out the entrance map to see where your child(ren) need to line up each day!

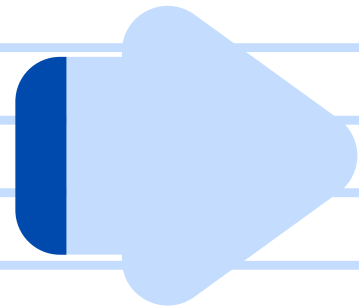
Arriving at School



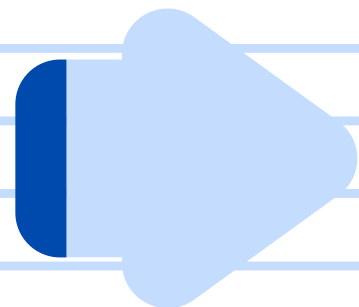
Parents are asked to **not** drop off their child(ren) prior to 8:10 a.m. as they will not be permitted into the school and there is no schoolyard supervision at that time.



All students will line up outside of their assigned doors every morning, supervised by a staff member. They will remain physically distanced and in their cohorts while in line.



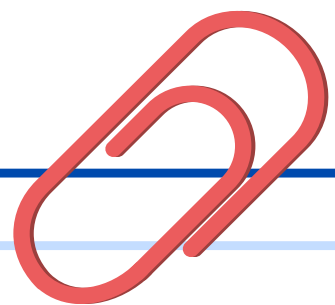
All students will undergo a second health screening upon entering the school and hands will be sanitized. Any student who displays any COVID-19 symptoms will have to go home.



Students will use separate doors to enter and exit the building. A map that shows assigned entrances per grade level cohort is included on the next slide.



- Nursery/Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6
- Grades 7/8



Classroom Setup

- All classrooms have been set up to maximize physical distancing
- Desks and tables have been moved to be at least 1 meter apart
- Excess clutter has been removed
- Carpet gathering areas have been removed
- Students will each have their own school supplies (no sharing)
- Classrooms and materials will be cleaned throughout the day
- No student personal belongings will be permitted

Outdoor Classes

Hooray!
Class in the
courtyard!

As we return to school, the province has recommended that teachers take their students outside as often as possible, especially during the warmer months.

We are lucky at École Lansdowne to have an enclosed courtyard in the middle of our school that provides a warm, comfortable outdoor space protected from the wind. This makes it an excellent space to use year-round!

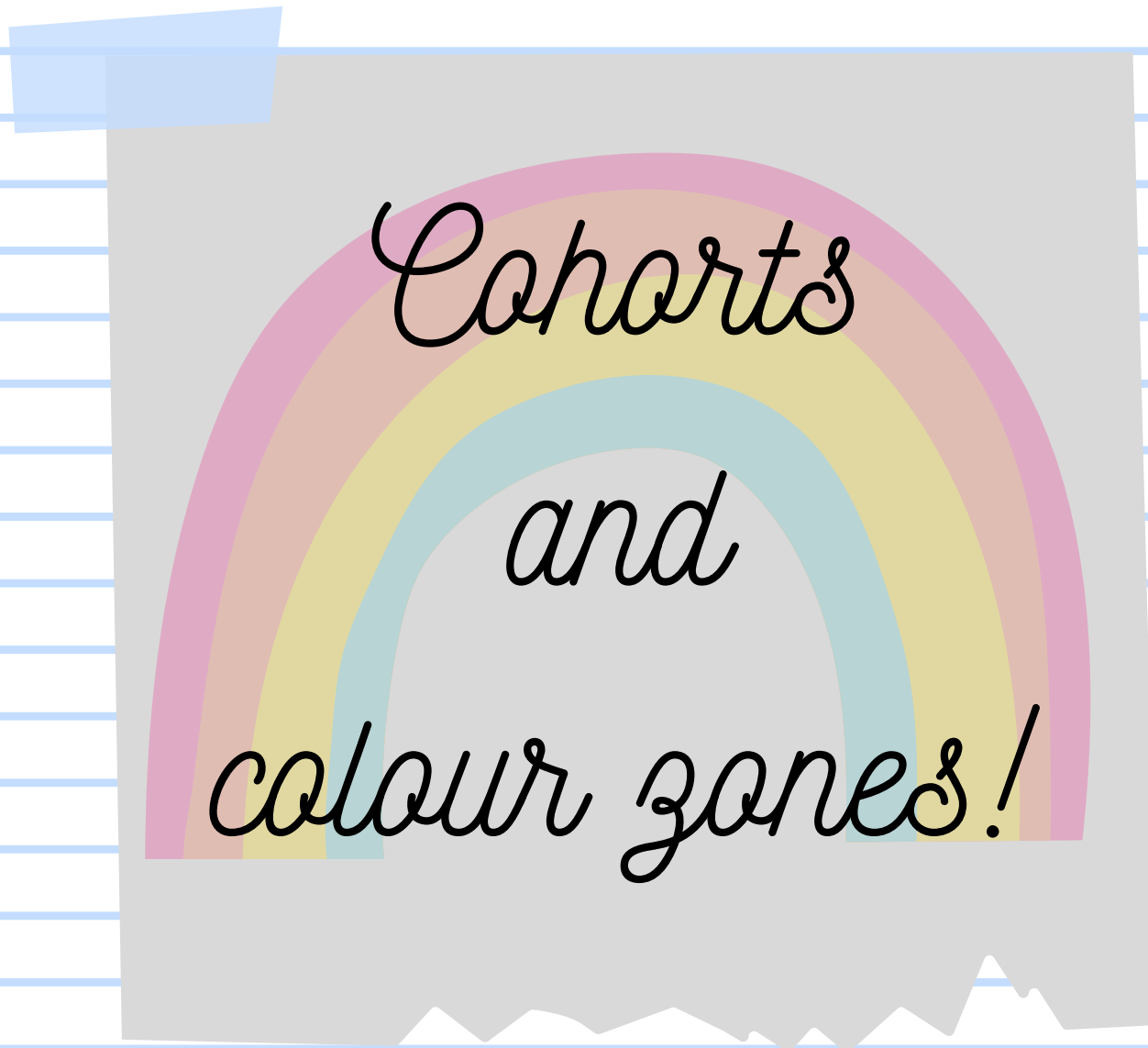
All teachers will have the opportunity to book a time slot in the courtyard, and any surfaces or shared materials will be sanitized on a regular basis.

The schoolyard, field, and nearby parks may also be used as outdoor classrooms throughout the year.

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather, as they will be going outside regularly!

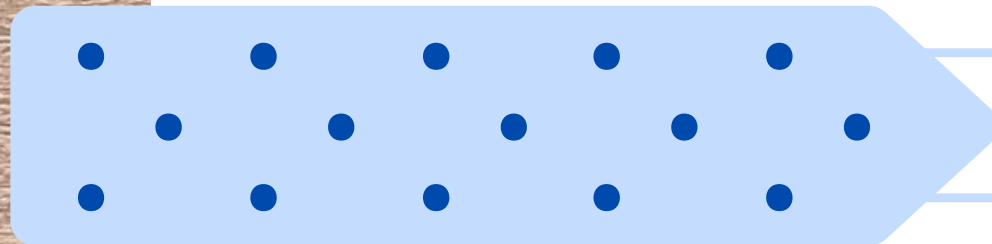
This includes a hat, sunglasses, appropriate shoes or boots in warmer months, and warmer gear including a jacket, scarf, mittens, insulated boots, and toque in the colder months.

Recess

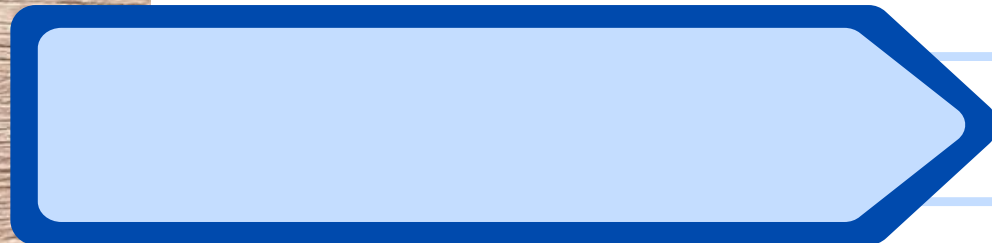


- Students will spend recesses with their cohort
- Cohorts will have designated play areas
- The school yard will be separated into colour zones
- Colour zones will be rotated weekly
- Each class will have their own recess equipment
- Students will sanitize hands before and after
- Teachers may stagger recess times if necessary

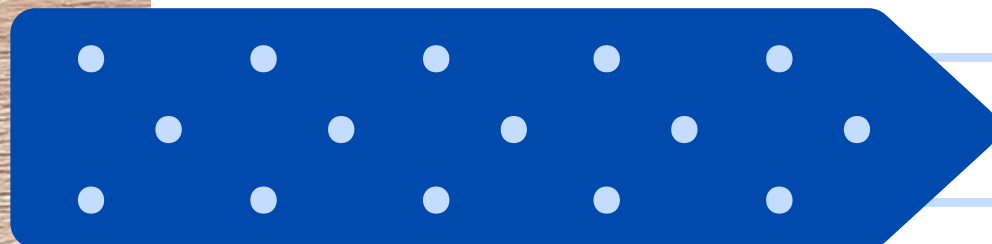
Walking in the School



Reduced traffic: as much as possible, traffic in the hallways will be limited. Students will move less frequently throughout the building.



Cleaning: cleaning will take place regularly in the hallways and common areas. This will include doors, door handles, faucets, and other surfaces.



Signage: clear signage will indicate which direction to walk on which side of the hallway, as well as reminders for hand-washing, masks, and distancing.

Lunch Program



New
this year!

- Students will continue to eat lunch in their classrooms, as usual
- They will be supervised either by a Lunch Program staff member or an educational assistant
- Milk will still be available for purchase, all health and safety protocols will be followed and cartons will be delivered to the classrooms
- Microwaves will not be permitted in classrooms this year - we will not be able to heat up lunches at school as this is an extra risk of contamination
- Any questions pertaining to Lunch Program can be directed to coordinator Mary Sutton
- She can be reached via email at lunchprogram.msutton@gmail.com or via phone at 204-338-7039 during school hours


Please send your child(ren) to school with a lunch they can eat cold, several snacks, and a full water bottle!

Appointments and Late Arrivals

Please do everything possible to ensure that your child is on time every morning in order to follow all of the arrival steps.

If your child will be arriving late, please call the school office to let us know and we will have a staff member screen your child at our main entrance, the front doors on Wiginton.

If you will be picking your child up early, please call ahead of time so that we can have your child ready to go. A staff member will walk your child outside to meet you.



Always let the office know if your child will be arriving late or leaving early!

We ask that you please make every effort to get your child(ren) to school on time each morning, and to make any non-emergency appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

This will be less disruptive to your child, other students, and staff members responsible for health screening.

Dismissal

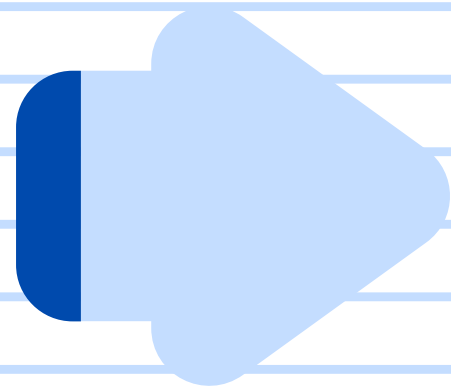
Please wait
outside
when picking
up your child!

Students who take the bus will be brought outside to the bus loop by a staff member to board their bus at the end of the day.

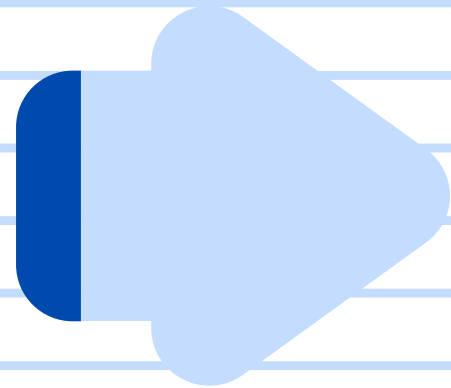
Students who are picked up will be dismissed at their designated doors.

Parents picking up their child(ren) are asked to wait outside as they will not be permitted inside the building. Please wait close to your child's designated doors or at a nearby meeting spot.

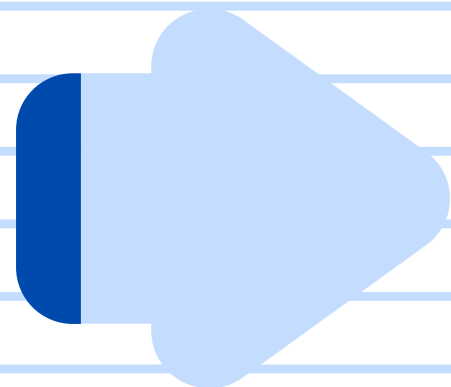
What Happens if My Child Gets Sick?



If a student develops symptoms at school, they must be picked up immediately. Until a parent or guardian can pick them up, they will be given a mask and isolated in a separate room to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 among their cohort.



Once you or your designate has arrived at the school, please call the office at 204-338-7039 and a staff member will walk your child outside to meet you using our main entrance. These doors will then be sanitized thoroughly.




The province recommends that you take your child for testing immediately. Students must remain at home until they can pass the screening tool, meaning that they no longer have any symptoms of COVID-19.

If a case of COVID-19 is known we will immediately follow directives from the Manitoba Public Health Authority.
We will not necessarily have to shut down the school.

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.



Focus on
mindfulness

Mental health
training

Clinical Support
Services

Mindfulness practices and student well-being will play an important role in our back to school plan. Our clinicians have partnered with staff to support students in their return to school and will 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 initiatives and mental health training.

General Recommendations

- Stay at home if you are feeling sick
- Wear a mask to school – mandatory for all students in grades 4 and up
- Practice wearing a mask at home for longer periods of time
- Bring a water bottle
- Wash your hands multiple times a day
- Use hand sanitizer often
- Keep 6 feet between yourself and others whenever possible
- Do not share belongings, school supplies, or food with others
- Have a drop-off and pick-up plan each day
- Make sure your contact info is up-to-date at the office

Helpful Links

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/Guardian 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

Staff List and Email Addresses

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Thank You

These guidelines have been set to keep everyone safe as we return to in-person instruction, as the health and safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority.

Please note that these guidelines and expectations are subject to change, based on recommendations from the provincial government and direction from the Winnipeg School Division.

We are so happy to have our students returning to school on September 8th, and we are doing everything we can to ensure a positive, healthy, and fun year of learning.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns this year, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone at 204-338-7039 or via email at lansdowne@wsd1.org. Call or email us at any time.

We're looking forward to seeing our Lansdowne Lions!



*Looking forward to
seeing you!*