

# **COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL STRATEGY**

**2020-2021**



**CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL**



## ADMINISTRATION MESSAGE

As part of the Province of Manitoba's WELCOMING OUR STUDENTS BACK: RESTORING SAFE SCHOOLS, the Winnipeg School Division and Churchill High School have prepared a reopening plan that respects the provincial guidelines, and creates opportunities for all students to attend school on a regular basis. Churchill High School's plan works to create a return to learning, while mitigating risk as much as possible through careful planning, training, and processes.

Our school community and society are preparing for a school year that will be unlike any other. We recognize that our strength comes from our combined efforts and support for each other as we deal with the unprecedented circumstances before us. We must understand that there will likely be changes required to our plan as the year and the Covid-19 pandemic continues to unfold. The need to be flexible and fluid in our planning is vitally important. We understand the pressures and requirements that continue to be placed on our students, families and staff by this ever-changing situation, and we strive to always do our best to support all while continuing to offer excellent educational programming for our students. We will continue to ask for patience and support from all members of our school community as we progress through the year.

To keep everyone safe, we have made significant adjustments to our standard school policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Province of Manitoba and health measures. These expectations require all of us to make adjustments to our routines and to work hard to keep each other safe through compliance.

The changes we are making are based on provincial requirements and direction to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. These changes include:

- requiring staff and students to conduct daily health screenings prior to coming to school
- strict stay-at-home protocols for those who are feeling unwell
- enhanced cleaning and disinfecting in schools and on buses
- encouraging physical distancing where possible
- adjustment of student timetables and creating cohorts of students
- mandatory masks for all students and for all staff as outlined in provincial measures
- hand hygiene requirements for students and staff

Through the school year, there may be a need for students to move back and forth from in person to remote learning. It is vitally important that all students and caregivers ensure the school has updated contact information, including cell phone numbers and email addresses.

We want to recognize the continued efforts of our staff, students and community as we work together to ensure education continues through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Hughes  
Principal

Georgia Wells  
Vice-Principal



## RETURN TO LEARNING

In-class learning will resume on Sept. 8, 2020, for all students in at Churchill High School, as part of the Winnipeg School Division, and as directed by the Province of Manitoba.

- Grade 7 and Grade 8 students will return for five days of full, in-class instruction per week.
- Grade 9 students will attend school every day, using a similar class structure to Grades 10-12, but having all compulsory subjects taught through integrated programming.
- Students in Grades 10 to 12 will return using a “quadmester timetable”. Students should expect some remote learning, along with in-class instruction.
- Students connected to our Inclusion Support classrooms in all grades will return for five days of full, in-class instruction per week.

## INSTRUCTIONAL PRIORITIES

Churchill’s staff is dedicated to providing excellent educational programming for all students. This does not change during the pandemic. However, due to adjustments required to support providing a safe environment for all, we have limited access to some optional courses, while further emphasizing compulsory subjects.

Students in Grades 7 and 8 will work in flexible learning environments where teachers integrate subjects while prioritizing Numeracy and Literacy programming. Students’ learning needs will be met through integrated programming.

Grade 9 students will attend school every day, using a similar class structure to Grades 10-12, but having all compulsory subjects taught through integrated programming.

Students in Grades 10-12 will work in the quadmester model, focusing on two courses per 10 week block. Students will have specific options to take based on grade level to ensure all students stay on track with required credits for graduation.

## STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Churchill’s staff will continue to monitor and support students in this difficult time. All staff will be implementing strategies in classes to help students with mindfulness. Our Student Support team includes two Guidance Counsellors, our Clinical Support Team, and our Administration.



## SAFETY AND WELL BEING

All Provincial policies will be followed at Churchill High School. All students and staff will be expected to follow all expectations regarding policies. Please note the following:

- **All students and staff must complete the Provincial Self Screening daily.** Members of the Churchill community (students and staff) must stay home if displaying symptoms or feeling ill. Parents must develop a timely plan to pick up any child who the school requests to go home due to illness or symptoms.
- **All students and staff are required to wear masks.** This means in hallways, entrances, and entering classrooms.
- Churchill will have an isolation room developed for students who may become ill during the school day.
- If a positive COVID-19 case is identified at Churchill High School, Manitoba Public Health will coordinate contact tracing and self-isolation requirements.

### Handwashing and Sanitizing

Everyone who enters a school will be required to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands immediately. Students and staff will be required to wash and/or sanitize their hands throughout the day, including:

- every time they enter or exit the school
- before they enter classrooms
- before and after they use shared equipment
- before eating and after using the washroom

Churchill will provide hand sanitizer throughout the building to support these requirements. Staff will also promote proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette with verbal reminders and posters throughout the school.

### Buildings

- Churchill has visible signage and division of hallways to ensure social distancing as much as possible. All students and staff are required to respect signage.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances and must be used by all entering the building.
- Deep cleaning and disinfecting will occur on a frequent basis, as directed by the Winnipeg School Division custodial services.
- Churchill will be separated into distinct zones to limit interaction between student groups. The Middle School will be separated from high school areas, including designated entrances and exits.

*Following the Province of Manitoba's protocols and staying home when feeling sick or unwell is an effective way to limit the spread of COVID-19.*

### Classrooms

- Students will have specific classrooms and areas of the school based on their grade and courses. Students will remain in their area of the school, and follow all directives and expectations.
- Students are not to go to areas of the school not identified for their classes/grade.
- Students will be required to eat lunch in their designated areas. They will not be permitted to congregate in the hallways. The cafeteria is not open and school nutrition programs will be very limited. Students must bring their own nutritious meals.



## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**Non-medical masks are required** in schools for students in Grades 7 to 12 as well as staff and visitors, when physical distancing of two metres is not possible. This includes hallways, when riding the bus to school and it may include classroom settings.

Students, teachers, staff, visitors and volunteers are **required** to wear non-medical masks in areas where physical distancing of two metres is not possible.

**Masks are required on school buses for all students and for the driver.**

## Communication

Ability to communicate will be essential this school year. School communication will occur using School Messenger. Parent/Guardians are reminded to check their email regularly. Remote learning will be through Google Classroom. Teachers will also use the REMIND app to communicate with students and families.

All families are reminded to update their phone and email!

## Lockers

Students will not be permitted to use lockers at this time. They will be asked to keep their personal items with them and not share with others. Backpacks are recommended for transportation and storage of items while at school.

## Visitors

Access to Churchill by visitors, including parent/guardians is permitted, but under very controlled circumstances. Parent/Guardians are asked to respect physical distancing when picking up or dropping off students.

If a visit to Churchill is required, visitors are required to call ahead and schedule an appointment.

**All visitors are subject to screening at the entrances, and a sign-in will be required. Visitors will be required to wear masks.**

## REMINDERS!

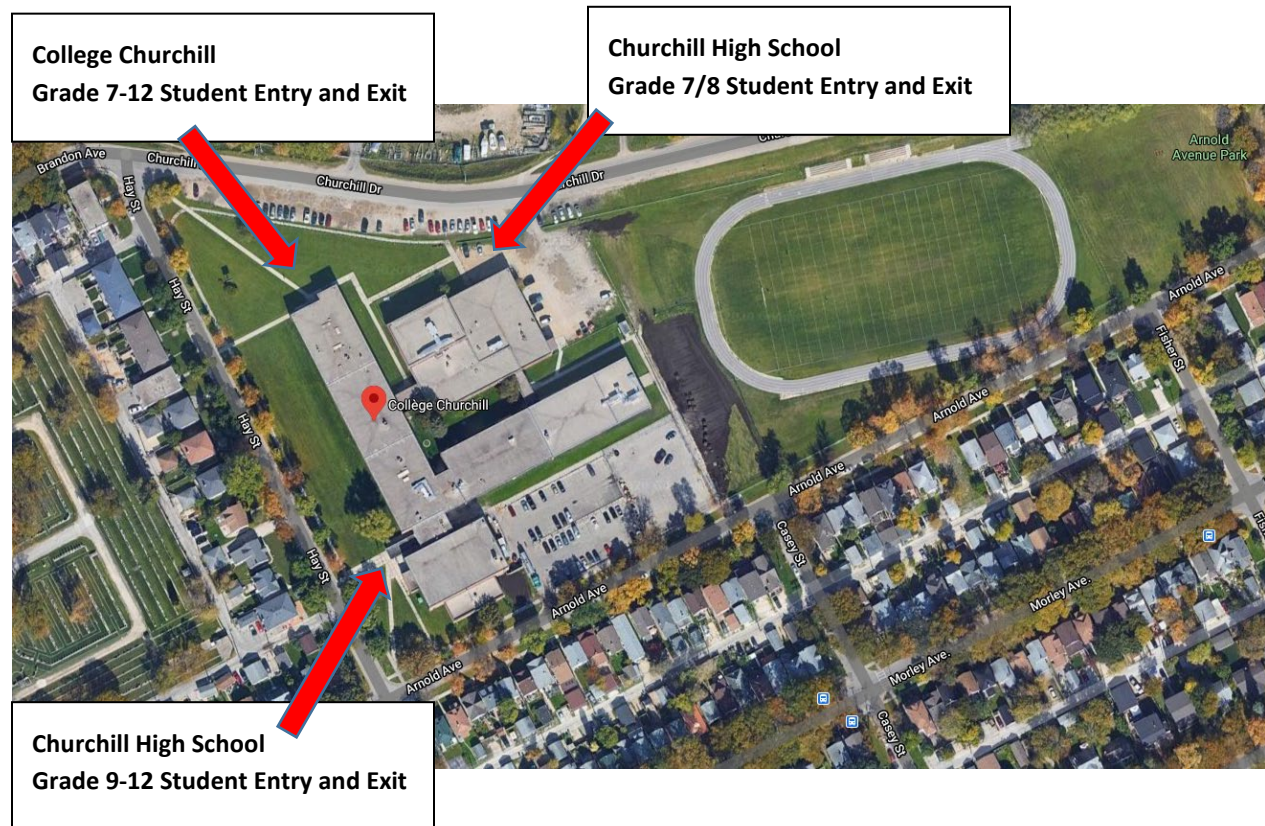
- Masks are required by all students, staff, and visitors both at school and on school busses.
- Self Screening must occur every day prior to attending school.
- Locker use is not permitted.
- Students must understand and respect all additional measures to the best of their ability.





## Building Entry/Exits

As required by Provincial Health Measures, separate entrances and exits are determined for students attending Churchill High School.



## Lunch Planning

**Students will be required to eat their lunch in designated places.** For Grade 7/8 students, this will be in their homeroom classroom. Grade 9-12 students will stay in their morning classroom for the lunch break. The cafeteria will not be functioning due to repurposing of the space for class use. Churchill Educational Assistants will be monitoring classrooms over the lunch hour. After 30 minutes in the class, students may choose to go outside for the remainder of the lunch hour. If they choose to leave the class, they are to vacate the school until their afternoon class begins.

Upon dismissal from morning classes, students will be permitted to leave the building for the lunch break. They will be expected to vacate the building through their assigned exits, with no congregating. **Students will be expected to only return to the building when their afternoon class begins.**



## STUDENT SCHEDULES

**Grade 7/8 Students:**

Students in Grade 7 and 8 will attend classes every day for the full school day. Student programming will focus on Numeracy and Literacy, with integration of other subject areas into the planning. Grade 7 and 8 students will:

- Remain in the same classroom for the extent of the school day. Teachers will rotate in for different subjects.
- Students will be required to eat their lunch in their designated classroom.
- Physical Education classes will occur in a modified format. Students should be prepared to go outside for class when required.
- Grade 7 and 8 students will receive a homeroom to attend.

**Sample Grade 7/8 Schedule**

8:50 Social Studies  
9:30 Physical Education  
10:10 English Language Arts  
11:50 Lunch (in class)  
12:50 Math  
2:20 Science/ICT  
3:20 Dismissal

**Grade 7/8 Start Time: 8:50 AM Dismissal: 3:20 PM**

**Entry at Churchill Drive entrance**

**Grade 9 Students:**

Grades 9 classes will be organized into homeroom learning groups for the 2020–2021 school year. This helps to minimize the contact students have with each other as they stay in one classroom for the full day. **Grade 9 students will attend school every day.**

**Sample Grade 9 Timetable:**

	Term (Quarter) 1 September 8 – November 12	Term (Quarter) 2 November 16 – January 29	Term (Quarter) 3 February 8 – April 9	Term (Quarter) 4 April 12 – June 18
AM – 2 hour class	Math/Science/ICT Phys Ed	Math/Science/ICT Phys Ed	Math/Science/ICT Phys Ed	Math/Science/ICT Phys Ed
PM – 2 hour class	English/Social Studies/Lifeworks Art	English/Social Studies/Lifeworks Art	English/Social Studies/Lifeworks Practical Arts	English/Social Studies/Lifeworks Practical Arts

**Grade 9 Start time: 9:45 AM Dismissal: 3:00 PM**

**Entry at Main Entrance on Hay Street**

**Grade 10-12 Students:**

Grades 10-12 will be organized using a quarterly system for the 2020–2021 school year. This means the school year will be divided into four time periods, or learning quarters. Students may take up to two courses in each quarter. This helps to minimize the contact students have with each other as they move between classes. **Based on enrollment and class size, students will attend every second day.**

Student course requests will be scheduled over all four quarters of the school year.

**Sample 10-12 Timetable**

	Term (Quarter) 1 September 8 – November 12	Term (Quarter) 2 November 16 – January 29	Term (Quarter) 3 February 8 – April 9	Term (Quarter) 4 April 12 – June 18
AM – 2 hour class	Pre Cal Math	Digital Film	Biology	Psychology
PM – 2 hour class	History	Physics	English	Chemistry

**Grade 12 Start time: 9:00 AM Dismissal: 2:45 PM**

**Grade 11 Start Time: 9:15 AM Dismissal: 2:45 PM**

**Grade 10 Start Time: 9:30 AM Dismissal: 2:45 PM**

**10-12 Entry at Main Entrance on Hay Street**

**Inclusion Support Classes:**

Students enrolled in Inclusion Support programs at Churchill High School will attend school every day as per Provincial expectations. Programming, transportation, and planning will be developed by Inclusion Support teachers based on students IEPs and programming requirements.

Where required, school staff will utilize enhanced PPE when supporting students. This will include masks, and may include face shields and gloves.

**Extracurricular Activities:**

**At this time, there will be no activities scheduled at during the lunch hour.**

After school activities, including sports teams are limited to skill-based practice, as competitions and tournaments are currently not sanctioned by the Winnipeg School Division or MHSAA at this time. More information will be released as the school year begins.





## HELPFUL LINKS

For more information and reference, please use the following links:

[Winnipeg School Division Pandemic Plan](#)

[Welcoming Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools](#)

[COVID-19 K–12 School Settings Practice Guidance and Protocols](#)

[Parent/Guardian Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Restart Manitoba Pandemic Response System](#)