



E.C.S.G.

Back to School 2020/21

## Re-Opening Plan: What You Need to Know

### Key information



- Parents must ensure that their children are not showing any symptoms related to COVID-19 before sending them to school or putting them on a bus.
- All staff must use the screening tool below before leaving home.
  - Upon arriving at school, they will be asked to sign a register confirming that they have no COVID-related symptoms.

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> (English)

<https://covid19.soinscommunsmb.ca/covid19/outil-de-depistage/> (français)

- Students in Grades 4 to 12 must wear a mask:
  - on school buses;
  - at school (in their cohort).
- The cohorts will be grouped by grade as follows:
  - Cohort #1: Pre-school and Kindergarten (9 students)
  - Cohort #2: Grades 1 and 2 (9 students)
  - Cohort #3: Grades 3, 4 and 5 (14 students)
  - Cohort #4: Grades 6, 7 and 8 (14 students)
  - Cohort #5: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 (7 students)
- All DSFM schools will have staggered return dates:
  - Group A: will come to school on Tuesday, September 8;
  - Group B: will come to school on Wednesday, September 9;
  - Groups A and B: All students will be in school by September 10 except for Pre-school and Kindergarten students, who will continue to come every second day.
- Students who are driven to school are asked not to arrive before 8:45 a.m. and must be picked up at 3:25 p.m. **The school will not be providing supervision.**
- Access to the school will be limited.
  - Parents and visitors who need to meet with a staff member are strongly advised to make an appointment.
  - Parents and visitors will be asked screening questions before entering the school.
  - Parents and visitors must put on a mask and disinfect their hands before entering the school.
  - Parents and visitors will be required to maintain a distance of two (2) metres from other people inside the school at all times.

Traffic inside the school will be controlled, and leaving and entering the building will be kept to a strict minimum.

- The outside doors will be locked at all times.
  - Parents and visitors will need to call the school for access.
- Students will no longer have access to microwave ovens.



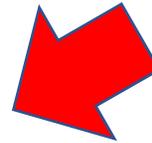
## **Dropping off and picking up**

The guidelines for dropping off and picking up students who get driven to school are as follows:

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1. Enter the school parking lot.



2. Drop your child off.
3. Say your good-byes.

**A staff member will be on hand to greet your child.**

4. Continue to **DRIVE SLOWLY** for the safety of all students and staff.
5. Follow the same instructions to pick your children up at 3:30 pm.

**Watch for school buses!**

## Entering and exiting the school

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- Students will enter and exit in cohorts\*.
  - Cohort members will have to maintain a distance of 1 metre from one another.
  - Cohorts will have assigned entrances and exits.

\*A **cohort** is a group of students per classroom or on the school bus who stay together in the same room or bus for most of the school day.

## In the classroom

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- Students will be assigned to a seat in their classroom (with their cohort) at a distance of one (1) metre from one another.
- Spaces for students seated at a table will be marked with tape.
- No sitting mats.
- There will be no toys or libraries inside classrooms.
- Teachers will be able to move around the classroom to support students.
  - After 10 minutes of instruction or support, teachers will return to a distance of two (2) metres.
- When travelling within the school, students must remain in their cohort and keep a distance of one (1) metre from one another.
  - When students are no longer in cohort mode, a distance of two (2) metres must be maintained.
- Students and teachers must disinfect their hands with hand sanitizer when entering a bus, arriving at or leaving school (with supervision), after using the washroom, before and after eating, after sneezing or blowing their nose, after wiping their nose, if their hands are dirty, before preparing food, before and after breaks and recess, and when entering a classroom.



## School supplies

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- Each student from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will receive a personalized DSFM bin containing learning tools, such as manipulatives for mathematics, a small whiteboard, and so on.
- Students' lunches will be stored in their school bag, which will be placed under their table or desk.
- Students will no longer have access to lockers.

## School computers, laptops and iPads

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- All these devices will be wiped with a disinfectant cloth by staff before and after each use.

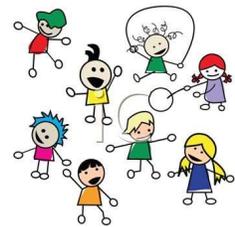


## Recess and lunch

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### Morning recess

- **Pre-school and Kindergarten**
  - Teachers will decide on the appropriate times for recess.
- **Grades 1 to 8**
  - Recess breaks of 15 minutes will be given at 10:20 a.m. and 2 p.m.
  - The large size of our schoolyard allows us to accommodate all students.
  - The schoolyard will be divided into 3 zones to keep the cohorts separate.
  - Each zone will be indicated with cones.



### Lunch

- **Kindergarten to Grade 8**
  - Students will eat lunch in their classrooms between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
  - Recess will take place between 12:15 p.m. and 12:45 p.m.
  - The students will stay at school during the lunch break.



*(Teachers will ensure that students eat a nutritious snack in the morning.)*

- **Grades 9 to 12**
  - Students will eat lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
  - Students will be allowed outside during the lunch hour.
  - Students will re-enter the school by 12:45 p.m. through the same door they used the morning.
  - A student with a free period before or after lunch will be allowed to leave during that time.

## Children who get sick or show COVID-related symptoms at school

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- The student will be placed in a room and isolated from the others.
- The school will provide them with a mask.
- The school will contact the parents so that they can pick up their child immediately.
- If the student requires the presence of an adult during isolation, a staff member with clean hands and wearing a mask will stay with them.

## Student water bottles

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- To minimize traffic in the hallways in the morning, each student will be required to **fill their water bottle at home before coming to school and take it home after school.**
- Because of the “boil water advisory”, each class will have a jug of water to fill the water bottles as needed.
- All drinking fountains will be turned off.



## Cleaning of washrooms and classrooms

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- Washrooms and classrooms will be cleaned **regularly** by janitors using a very detailed checklist based on the province’s Public Health guidelines.

## Physical education classes

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- There will be physical education classes for all students.
- Classes will be held outdoors, weather permitting.
- Programming will focus on individual physical activities.
- Any equipment used will be disinfected after each class and before the next class arrives.



## Extracurricular activities and school outings

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- Extracurricular activities will be possible provided that physical distancing guidelines can be followed.
- School outings will take place only if the hosts can ensure student and staff safety at all times.

## Outbreaks and contact tracing

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- In the event of a “confirmed case” in our school, all communications with parents will be handled by Manitoba Public Health.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we prepare to safely welcome your children for the 2020/21 school year.

Please be advised that this document will be updated as often as necessary and as required by the DSFM, the Minister of Education and Public Health.

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