



# Welcome Back!

We have missed you!  
LORD ROBERTS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
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# Hello Lord Roberts Families!

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

There are only 2 options right now- to attend school or to keep your child at home, registered 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.



# How Have We Prepared?

## Classrooms

We have opened another classroom to reduce class sizes.

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.

## School

We have signage throughout the school reminding everyone about physical distancing and health protocols.

We have also been supplied with masks, sanitizer and sanitizer stations and cleaning supplies.

## Expectations

We are closely following the expectations from Manitoba Health, Manitoba Education and the Winnipeg School Division.

Current mandates and recommendations are explained further in the following slides.



## What are Cohorts?

**Cohorts** are groups of students (less than 75) that will stay in the same part of the building, have recess together, and have lunch together. Lunch will be in the classrooms.

Each classroom at Lord Roberts will be a cohort. Currently, class sizes range from 18-26 students.

The school will be divided into 2 sections, Primary and Intermediate. Recess and lunch hours will be staggered by Primary/Recess schedules to minimize the number of students outdoors at a time.

All students will eat lunch in their own classroom.



# Before You Send Your Child to School

Caregivers must prescreen their child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 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/>

- Pack a water bottle. Water fountains will not be operating at this time. Snack will still be provided, following appropriate guidelines.
- Masks are **mandatory** for students in Grades 4-6, as well as on the bus. They are strongly recommended in all other grades.



# When Arriving at School



## Lining Up Outside

- All students will meet their teachers in designated, physically distanced spots outside.

## Second Screening

- All students will undergo a second health screening before entering the school. It is imperative that children are healthy and symptom free. Any student who displays any symptoms will have to go home.

## Separate Entrances

- NK Room 1 will enter and exit from the courtyard door along the parking lot.
- Rooms 2 and 4 will enter and exit through the main doors on Beresford.
- Rooms 5 and 6 will enter and exit from the playground doors on the Beresford side.
- Rooms 28,26 and 24 will line up on the hardtop and enter and exit at the bus doors.
- Rooms 21 and 23 will enter and exit through the playground doors on the Rathgar side.

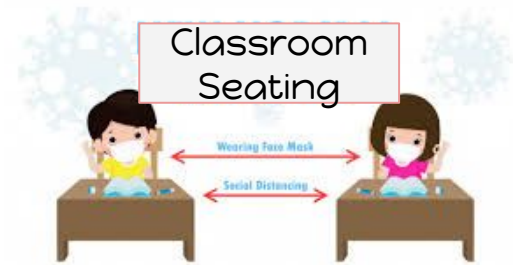
## Parents in the School

***As much as we wish for an open school community- at this time Parents/Caregivers are not to be inside the school. If you need to visit the school please call ahead to make an appointment.***

# Classroom Set Up

All classrooms have been set up to maximize physical distancing.

- Students will be assigned seating in all classrooms. Interactive and cooperative play is not permitted at this time. All students in grade 4-6 are expected to wear masks.
- Classrooms and materials will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Students will have their own supply kits and materials.





# Bussing

At this time, parents are being asked to drive their child to and from school, if possible.

- We are still waiting for confirmation about students who will be bussed, because of COVID restrictions and a possible strike.
- **Should the busses be running,**
  - Students in grades 4 - 6 will be expected to wear masks on the bus.
  - Students displaying any symptoms will not be allowed on the bus.

Students will follow arrival procedures once at school.





# Recess

Recess will be divided into 2 sessions. One for Primary students and one for Intermediate students. Classroom cohorts will remain the same for recess breaks and will have designated play areas on a rotating schedule.

Students will wash their hands before and after.



# Lunch

- All students will eat lunch in classrooms.
- Primary students will have lunch from 11:55 - 12:20, then recess from 12:20-12:55.
- Intermediate students will have recess from 11:55-12:20, then eat lunch from 12:20-12:55.
- Students will be reminded not to share any food.
- Students will wash their hands before and after.
- No heating of food will be offered.

Classrooms will be cleaned before students re-enter.





# Travelling through the School



## REDUCED TRAFFIC

As much as possible, all traffic in the hallways will be limited. Staff and students located in rooms on the Primary Side will remain on the Primary side.

Staff and students located in rooms on the Intermediate side will remain on the Intermediate side.

## CLEANING

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

## SIGNAGE

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





# Dismissal

- All students will be organized into daycare, bus, and pick up groups before being walked outside.
- Students will then leave from their appropriate door and wait outside for pick up from daycare, parent or bus supervisor (if busses are running).
- Parents are asked not to come into the building, rather to pick up children outside. Please be mindful to social distance while waiting for your child.



Let's Get  
Outside!



- As we return, the province of Manitoba has recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.
- Staff will be receiving professional development on ways to further embed curriculum into outdoor learning.
- Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including a hat and water bottle for heat and appropriate winter clothing for cold months.

# 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 the school and a staff member will walk the child out to meet you.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directive from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.





**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 have partnered with staff to support students in their return to school 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 Monitoring, Mindfulness, and Self-Regulation initiatives.

**Mental Health  
and Well-Being**



# MASKS

All students in grades 4, 5 and 6 must wear a mask - it is a mandate from Manitoba Public Health. We will provide each student with 2 reusable masks at school.

Please help your child to practice wearing a mask for extended periods of time. Social stories will also be prepared for students.





Teachers have purchased bulk supplies that will then be put into individual kits. More information about the collection of school supply fees will be forthcoming.

# 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](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](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](https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf)

# Helpful Links

## Use of Masks

[Video on why masks are important – For students \(early/elementary\)](#)

## Hand Washing

[Videos on how to effectively wash your hands – For students \(early/elementary\)](#)

## Reducing the Spread of COVID 19

[Video on reducing the spread of COVID-19: Hygiene – For students \(early/elementary\)](#)



# Thank You

These expectations may of course change.  
Our school website will be updated regularly.

Call us or email at any time.

We sincerely look forward to seeing our Lord Roberts Lions again soon!

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