

WELCOMING OUR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

September 2021-22



Grosvenor School



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This guide will help you to see all of our enhanced safety protocols in and preparation for the first day of school on **September 8, 2021**.

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Hello!

We have been through a lot in the last year and a half, and so much has changed in our world and in our community. One thing that *hasn't* changed is our dedication to ensuring the safety and education of the families we serve. You are entrusting us with your most precious asset, your children - and every decision we make reflects our acceptance of this responsibility.

We have spent the last couple of weeks preparing for your return (and we are so excited to see you!) There will be a few changes...but many of our systems will be the same as last year. Staff have been trained in protocols and safety regulations. We are committed to the communication of any information to your children and yourselves as it becomes available..

If you have any questions or comments please reach out to me:

clawson@wsd1.org or 204-475 5242



“Let’s give this school year the
opportunity to be awesome.
Don’t throw a label or judgement
on it before it begins.
It may just surprise us in big,
beautiful ways.”

~Author Unknown

A short, horizontal green line drawn below the author's name.



HOW have we prepared for students' return?



- Teachers have developed new classroom layouts maximizing space and allowing for social distancing of 1 meter apart.
- Safety signage has been installed throughout the school
- Our custodial team have an increased cleaning schedule which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, and all other high touch surfaces..
- All classrooms are supplied with hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

What is my child(ren)'s classroom cohort?

Grade	Location	Teacher	Email
Nursery/Kinder	Room 1 & 2	Ms. Leslie	jeleslie@wsd1.org
Grade 1	Room 5	Ms. Kornelsen	akornelsen@wsd1.org
Grade 2	Room 4	Ms. Banks	cbanks@wsd1.org
Grade 3/4	Room 8	Ms. Robbins	krobbins@wsd1.org
Grade 3/4	Room 6	Ms. McMurtry	smcmurtry@wsd1.org
Grade 3/4	Room 12	Ms. Anderson	banderson@wsd1.org
Grade 5	Room 9	Mr. Kehler/Ms. Haw	kkebler@wsd1.org mhaw@wsd1.org
Grade 6	Room Library	Ms. Milak	wmilak@wsd1.org





Recess/lunch Cohorts- Colour coded

For the purposes of containing viral spread and easier tracking, Provincial Protocols recommend that schools divide their population into **cohorts**. These cohorts will have staggered schedules, separate entrances/exits, have recess separately, use different washrooms, stairwells, and will eat lunch at the same time. Lunch will be in the classroom. Your child will spend their school day with their classroom cohort, and classrooms will not be combined with one another for any reason. They will in no way mingle with any other classes. ***It is our hope, that in time, we can have the children engage with other classes in their cohort at recess.***

Cohort 1

● Grade 6

● Grade 5

● Grade 3/4 Robbins

Cohort 2

● Grade 1

● Grade 2

● Grade 3/4 McMurtry

● Grade 3/4 Anderson

Cohort 3

● N/K



Before School in the Morning

- ★ **Prescreen** your child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. **Every day.**
- ★ See this link for the Provincial Screening Tool.
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- ★ Pack a **reusable water bottle**. Fountains not will be operational but our touchless water fill station will be open on the second floor.
- ★ Put on a **mask**. Mandated in Grades N - 6.

Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) **must stay at home.**





Masks

What is required?

All schools in Winnipeg School Division are following the public health mandate regarding masks.

- All staff, visitors and students in Grades N-6 are mandated by the province to wear a mask indoors. **Every effort will be made to provide “mask-free time” for children (when eating, when outside at recesses and phys. ed.)**
- If your child forgets a mask - don't worry! We have extra disposable ones at school!
- We will be teaching and reviewing the students proper mask protocol (i.e. putting in on, taking it off, storage, etc.).
- We recommend 2 non-medical masks per day per child.
- Please ensure that your child's name is clearly printed on the mask if they choose to wear a cloth mask.





Arrival

As much as we wish for an open school community- at this time Parents/Caregivers are able to come into the school by appointment only. (204) 475-5242

- Students will arrive no earlier than than **8:45am. There will be no playing on school grounds before or after school.**
- **Students line up with their teacher in their designated spot. It will be very similar last year. Staff will be there to help.**
- Patrols starting date is yet to be determined.
- Doors will be propped open to facilitate entry.
- Staff members will be outside to greet students and begin the screening process (they will ask students/parents if they have already pre-screened their and child and proceed from there.) **This should go quickly as it requires a "Yes" or "No" answer.**
- Children who walk to school on their own will be pre-screened by a staff member.
- Children will be given hand sanitizer by their teacher or staff member as they enter the school.



Late arrivals, appointments, and late pick-ups.



- Life happens! If you are late in the morning, please call the office and let us know 204-475-5242. **When you arrive come in the door beside the office. Robyn will screen and give sanitizer to your child there.**
- For any appointments, parents should enter the school(with a mask) at the door beside the office. The sign out sheet will be on a table in the entrance. Parents will see their child off at the door and not go any further in the building.
- Please ensure that you are on time to pick up your child at the end of the day. In the event of an unexpected delay, your child will wait outside the office.



End of Day Routines

- Nursery and Kindergarten students will be picked up at the big structure. Weather permitting. If it's raining, Ms. Leslie will bring them out and wait under the overhang.
- Grades 1-6- Teachers will bring children out and will line up in the same spots in the morning. They will be dismissed from there.
- If your child attends Munroe before and after school, the staff will let your child know what room they are to go to. Please contact Melanie at Munroe Educational Center if you have further questions. melanie.munroesa@gmail.com

PLEASE no playing in the school grounds after school. Munroe needs the space and we want to try our best not to mingle with other cohorts. ***It is our hope that this can change in the near future, as I know how important this is to children and parents!***



Washrooms

We have brand new student washrooms and touchless water stations!

Each cohort will have its own washroom

Cohort 1 will use the washrooms on the second floor.

Cohort 2 will use the washrooms on the first floor.

Cohort 3 will use the washroom inside the Kindergarten & Nursery classroom.

Only one person will be allowed in the washroom at a time.

Spots on the floor will be marked to wait for the washroom if in use.

There will be a sign on the door to monitor if the washroom is in use.





What can my child expect in class?

- Classrooms will largely look the same, however students will be sitting in assigned seats 1m apart. Some students will be in individual desks and others will be at a table sharing with 1 other student. Plastic dividers are in each classroom that may also be used.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: minimal clutter, carpet seating may will also be assigned rather than full class usage.
- Each student will receive their own school supplies. In some cases that supplies are shared, proper hand washing will happen before and after use.
- Students will hang up backpack/jackets in the cloakrooms in the classroom (staggered by groups)
- Students are allowed to share toys and math manipulatives. Proper hand hygiene will be used before and after use.



Music and Physical Education



Music class will be held in our gym. Children are able to sing and play instruments with proper hand washing hygiene before and after each use.



Phys. Ed. classes will be outside, weather permitting. Students **will not** be required to wear a mask **outside** during Phys.ed.



Equipment will not be shared, and will be disinfected according to provincial guidelines after each use.



Recovery Learning



All Winnipeg School Division teachers will utilize WSD assessment tools, observations, and professional judgement to determine strengths, challenges, and next steps in student learning.

Targeted instruction will be crafted to meet the learning needs of your children.

The learning focus will be on literacy, mathematics, and student well being/mental health.

Outdoor education and inquiry based learning will be our focus to enrich learning, and to provide students with opportunities to challenge themselves.



Outdoor Education

Grosvenor School values outdoor education as a priority for our students. As we return, the province of Manitoba has recommended that teachers use the outdoors as often as possible.

Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather (rain or shine or snow). We will not be able to make accommodations for one or two children to stay inside during outdoor education classes.



Mental Wellness



Our division clinicians will continue to partner with staff to support students in their return to school.



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 Growth Mindset initiatives.





Recess!



- Recesses will be by larger colour coded cohort.
- Each class within the cohort will have recess in a separate part of the yard. These larger cohorts will NOT mingle in any way.
- Classes will rotate recess areas weekly.
- There will be separate equipment for each class within the cohort.

Cohort 1

AM Recess 10:25 - 10:40

Lunch recess 12:00-
12:25

PM Recess 2:15 - 2:30

Cohort 2

AM Recess 10:45 - 11:00

Lunch recess 12:30 - 1:00

PM Recess 2:30 - 2:45

Cohort 3

Kindergarten/ Nursery
11:00 - 11:30





Lunch Program



Lunch will be eaten in the classroom. The lunch hour will be staggered by one cohort eating first while the other cohort is playing outside in their designated areas.

Masks will be removed while eating.

Students will be asked to tidy their own eating area as a courtesy to the custodial team and for ease of disinfection afterwards.

NO heat ups will be available.





What happens if my child is sick at school?



- The student will be brought to the office and will be isolated while being monitored by a staff member.
- If a student becomes ill at school parents/guardians will be called to pick up and take their child home immediately.
- Once the parent or designated caregiver arrives, phone the school at 204-475-5242 and a staff member will walk the child out to meet them.
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.





Practicing the fundamentals



We are asking families to practice the following rules to ensure the safety of our school and community at large:

- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Have at least 2 masks available per day for mandated grades. Masks are provincially mandated for all staff and for students in Grades N-6. 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.).
- Physical distance when outside and not wearing a mask for prolonged periods of time.
- Everyone must follow the provincial guidelines to keep everyone safe.
- No sharing food. Sending special classroom birthday treats will be allowed, but note that they need to be nut-free and pre-packaged.





Helpful Links

Restoring Safe Schools- A Guide for Parents, Caregivers and Students- August, 2021

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k12-GuideForParents-aug2021.pdf

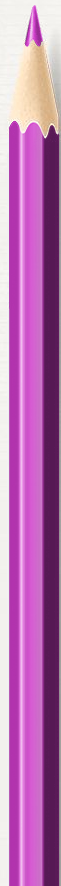
Restoring Safe Schools Education Plan

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k12-guidelines-aug2021.pdf

Restoring Safe Schools Planning Guide 2021-22

https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k12-guidelines-aug2021.pdf





Thanks!

Any questions?

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