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École Stonewall Centennial School: Welcoming Our Students Back (2021-2022)

In-class learning will resume for ÉSCS students on Thursday, September 9th/2021 in accordance with public health protocols and Manitoba Education's K-12 guidelines. Grade 5 to Grade 8 students will return for five days of full, in-class instruction per week. Programming and school operations within ISD will be guided by the contents of Manitoba Education's publication entitled, Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools.

In order to keep us all safe, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of implementing the basics:

- **Stay home when you sick**
- **Wash your hands**
- **Wear a mask**

Remote learning will be available for students who are medically advised not to return to in-class learning due to COVID-19 related factors. The [Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre](#) will provide remote learning for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. For further information about remote learning and to register your child, please contact Mr. John Bock, ISD Program Support, via email at: jbock@isd21.mb.ca

Unfortunately, we will be unable to host an Open House for our families again this year. Students should arrive on the first day of school and go straight to their entryway as follows:

- Grade 5 and Grade 6 French Immersion students – Southeast entranceway
- Grade 5 English students – Northwest entranceway
- Grade 6 English students – West entranceway
- Grade 7 and Grade 8 French Immersion students – East entranceway
- Grade 7 and Grade 8 English students – Northeast entranceway

There will be plenty of staff members out of the playground helping students navigate where to go.

The ÉSCS staff looks forward to welcoming our students back in September and to working collaboratively with our communities. We will be prepared to adjust our plan on short notice throughout the school year in response to public health protocols. We will continue to work closely with Manitoba Education and with public health to do all that we can to ensure the safety, the health, and the well-being for all students, families, and staff.

Student Learning Preparedness

Cohorting: How will cohorts be used to limit student interaction?

Cohorting will be in place for Grade 5 and Grade 6 students to limit exposure and to support contact tracing. Cohorts involve keeping groups of students (e.g. classes or grades) together and avoiding interactions with other groups of students. As per Manitoba Education guidelines, maximum cohort size is to be no more than seventy-five (75) students. There is not limit on the number of cohorts within a school, as long as distinct cohorts of seventy-five (75) can be separated to prevent contact with other groups. Grade 7 and Grade 8 students will not be divided into cohorts.

We will divide our school community into three (3) cohorts which will consist of the following:

1. Three classes of Grade 5 English students
2. Two classes of Grade 5 French Immersion students and two classes of Grade 6 French Immersion students
3. Three classes of Grade 6 English Students

Student Programming and Specialty Programming

All students will be learning in class and the full curriculum is being taught.

Elective courses for Grade 5-6 students will be offered by cohort model only and as resources permit. Singing (with masks) in Grade 5-6 Music classes will resume. Elective courses for Grade 7-8 will return to normal. Art, Band, Choral and STEM classes as well as Human Ecology Foods classes will resume.

Physical Education classes will continue with necessary modifications for physical distancing and will occur outside whenever possible.

Address Recovery Learning and Transition Planning Needs

In combination with the needs identified on the June report card, teachers will conduct initial assessments in numeracy and literacy to determine the specific needs of students. This data will assist teachers their programming.

Coordination of schedules, nutrition breaks, activity breaks, etc.

Individual cohorts will enter/exit the school from a specific entryway as follows:

1. Grade 5 and Grade 6 French Immersion students will enter/exit through the Southeast entranceway, students will line up with their class with Grade 5 students coming in first.
2. Grade 5 English students will enter/exit through the Northwest entranceway.
3. Grade 6 English students will enter/exit through the West entranceway.

4. Grade 7 and Grade 8 French Immersion students will enter/exit through the East entranceway.
5. Grade 7 and Grade 8 English students will enter/exit through the Northeast entranceway. Students will line up with their class. Grade 8 students will enter first.

As previously, Nutrition/Activity Breaks will be staggered. Schedules are arranged for cohort groups to have their nutrition/activity breaks together.

As masks are mandatory for students in Grade 5 to Grade 8, mask breaks will be scheduled for students during the school day.

We are happy to announce that our school canteen will be able to reopen. Only staff will be allowed to handle, prepare and serve food, following all safe food handling protocols. An opening date is still to be determined, we will provide more information as it becomes available.

Extracurricular Programming

Extra-curricular activities, including sports, optional programming and field trips are allowed to resume as long as the activities follow current public health recommendations and orders at this time. Overnight trips remain prohibited at this time. Games and tournaments may resume but spectators are restricted to 50% capacity with the onus on the home team to ensure public health restrictions are followed.

Building Operations Preparedness

Increased frequency of cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing, particularly high-touch surfaces and common/shared areas, will be required. Our custodians will prioritize their focus on cleaning and sanitizing high contact areas of the school. To assist with this, additional custodian hours have been approved.

Learning materials (ie. manipulatives) can be utilized in the classroom again with staff ensuring good hand hygiene before and after use.

School and classroom libraries will reopen with staff ensuring good hand hygiene before and after use.

Staff and students will wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds at the following times: after going to the washroom, before eating, after getting hands dirty, after wiping noses or handling dirty tissues, after coughing/sneezing/blowing nose, after cleaning tasks (staff). Hand sanitizer, hand soap, and necessary cleaning supplies will be provided at the school. Hand sanitizing stations will also be set up at all school entrances.

Students are required to bring their own personal water bottle which should be labelled with the child's name (initials) and grade.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Our front doors will remain locked during the day. Individuals requiring access to the school will either call the front office (204-467-5502) or ring the doorbell located on the wall by the main entrance for someone to let them into the building. Students will otherwise enter and exit the school at their designated entrance. Everyone will be required to hand sanitize upon entering the school.

At the end of the school day, bus students will be dismissed first, followed by town students.

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing is encouraged to the greatest extent possible. However, it is recognized that strict physical distancing at all times, particularly with young children, is not practical in the school setting. When physical distancing is not possible, students must remain within their cohort to reduce exposure to others and there must be at least one metre of space between students when they are seated. The movement of all students and staff through the hallways will be controlled by directing the flow of people in one direction. Cohorts will be routed to avoid close contact with other cohorts.

Visitors/Volunteers

Visitors are permitted at schools, but visits should be minimized to the greatest extent possible. All visitors must adhere to self-screening, physical distancing, mask wearing and recommended hygiene practices. Schools will be required to keep a list of all visitors.

Public Health

Arrangements will be made on a case-by-case basis for students who may be at higher risk of COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions or other risk factors. Students and staff will need to self-screen at home before coming to school. Parents/caregivers are responsible for their own child's self-screening. An up-to-date list of symptoms can be found online at government's About COVID-19 page. Screening protocols must be in place for all people entering school and screening information will be posted at all entrances and provided to families.

Students exhibiting symptoms will be isolated in a predetermined space in the school and provided with a medical mask to be worn. Parents/caregivers will be notified to come and pick up their child immediately. Schools will require each family to have a plan in place for urgent student pick-up. We are reminding parents/caregivers to ensure that emergency contact information is current and up to date.

If a staff member becomes symptomatic while at work, they will immediately isolate themselves from other staff and students, notify their supervisor, and go home to isolate. Staff are advised to contact Health Links – Info Santé (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) or their health care provider for direction.

If there is a positive case identified in the school, there is no single answer to this question. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis with public health leading the response and providing guidance. In the event of confirmation of a case of COVID-19 connected with a class, public health will advise staff and students if they have been in close contact, if they need to self-isolate or self-monitor, and when they can return to school.

Student and Family Preparedness

Reminders regarding expectations for student attendance and participation will be sent out through School Messenger for parents/guardians. This messaging will be delivered to the students by school administration, as well as their homeroom teachers. It is our expectation that families are screening before they come to school. Information regarding access to mental health and well-being supports will be sent out through School Messenger for parents/guardians. This messaging will be delivered to the students by school guidance, as well as their homeroom teachers.

We will continue to support our Parent Information Group, which has in the past, provided us with input/feedback from the school community. We welcome input from all parent/caregivers.