



Rivier Elementary School

Safe Return-to-School Plan Highlights – August 26, 2020

As we get ready to return to school our primary focus is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Over the past few months we have discussed, planned and developed a Return-to-School Plan that we are confident will ensure the safety of our students and staff, reduce anxiety surrounding the return to school, and foster an engaging learning environment that supports all students.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back to Rivier Elementary School on September 8th

Volunteers, Visitors, and Shared Use Clients

- School access to parents and visitors is restricted at this time
- Please ring the doorbell at the front of the school and wait for a staff member to greet you at the door
- We will not be renting out space to community members
- Outside volunteers in the school is on hold
- All parents and visitors who enter the school must sanitize their hands and wear a mask while inside

Enhanced Cleaning

- Caretakers will clean high-touch surfaces more frequently
- Washrooms will be cleaned more frequently

Student Personal Belongings

- Students may only bring their lunch, water bottle, a clean face mask and required outerwear in their backpack to and from school
- Sharing of materials and food is not allowed
- Students should bring a clean, filled water bottle to school daily (water fountains will not be available); procedures for filling water bottles at school will be established
- Please ensure that all student belongings are clearly labelled with first and last names

Illness and Care

- Students and staff who are sick are not to attend school
- Parents will be contacted if students begin to have symptoms of illness while at school
- A student who is sick will wait outside or in the designated isolation room with a staff member until parents arrive
- Please follow the LOCCS guidelines for a suspected COVID case

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

- Mental health and social-emotional support education will be provided for staff and students

Arrival, Dismissal and Movement within the School

- Parents are asked to drop off their children outside the school
- Please follow physical distancing protocols
- Upon arrival students should place their backpack in their designated area and find their classroom cohort on the playground; at the bell students will line up at their designated spot, wait for instruction to enter the school and proceed directly to their classroom (arrival procedures will be practiced with classroom teachers)
- Movement arrows and signage are placed in the school to ensure an orderly flow of traffic and appropriate distancing are maintained within the school
- Students will be supervised to ensure appropriate distancing as they are dismissed at recesses and the end of the day
- Bus students will line up on designated and appropriately distanced spots to await boarding their bus (procedure will be practiced with supervisors)
- Non-bus students will meet parents outside the school and/or proceed directly home at the end of the day; please ensure social distancing protocols are followed
- Our Safety Patrol Program is suspended until further notice

Masks and Enhanced Personal Hygiene

- All students are required to wear a mask while riding the school bus
- Grade 4-6 students are required to wear a mask upon entry to the school as well as in classrooms and in hallways; masks are not required during outdoor recesses and outdoor physical activities; staff will ensure students have mask breaks throughout the day
- Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3 students are not required to wear a mask; parents may choose to have their child wear a mask at school; staff will support this choice
- All staff are required to wear a mask where physical distancing is not possible
- Staff and students must wear a clean mask daily; all used masks must go home daily to be cleaned
- Etiquette for sneezing/coughing, hand hygiene and mask usage etc. will be taught, modelled and practiced; posters will be displayed throughout the school
- Students and staff will wash and sanitize their hands upon entry to the school and throughout the school day
- Students should bring a personal unscented hand sanitizer to school; staff will monitor use

Programs, Activities and Lunch/Recess Breaks

- Seating arrangements in classrooms will be developed for front facing instruction and as much spacing as possible
- Extra Curricular Activities are suspended until further notice
- School Masses and whole school assemblies are suspended until further notice
- Milk/juice program and lunch sales are suspended until further notice
- Students will remain in consistent cohorts as much as possible
- Recesses and lunch times are staggered to allow more space on the playground
- Playground areas will be assigned per cohort and will follow a schedule
- Enhanced staff supervision throughout the day to monitor procedures
- Physical Education classes will focus on movement and fitness rather than traditional sports to minimize physical contact
- Programming for students with intensive needs will be provided according to individual IIPs