



**École
Harrison**

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2020 SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLAN (Phase Yellow) August, 2020

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Message from M. Bas, Principal of École Harrison

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope that everyone has had a restful summer. I think it's safe to say that many of us, as I am also a parent with students in the Brandon School Division have experienced different levels of anxiety and have several questions with regards to what this school year is going to look like.

École Harrison will look different from previous years when students return in September. This will be a new experience to all and so we would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we prepare for the 2020/2021 school year.

In this document, you will find strategies and safety measures that we will be applying at École Harrison as the safety of our students and staff are our number one priority.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we get ready to have students back in the school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. If you are requiring more details about any area of this document, I have added the Brandon School Division Re-Opening plan link for you to reference.

Merci et à bientôt,

Bas Nundu, Directeur/Principal

École Harrison

SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLAN

Health Orders & Workplace Safety and Health

Staying Home When Sick

Staff, students and visitors should self-isolate and not enter the school when they:

- are experiencing symptoms suggestive of COVID-19
- have travelled outside Manitoba in the previous 14 days (outside of areas excluded by public health orders, which currently exclude locations in Western Canada, the territories, and Ontario west of Terrace Bay)
- are a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19
- are awaiting a COVID-19 test result (excluding persons tested as part of voluntary asymptomatic surveillance for COVID-19, as they do not need to isolate).

An up-to-date list of symptoms can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/about/index.html>

Screening protocols

All parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring their children are not displaying symptoms before sending them to school. If a staff member, student or visitor is exhibiting symptoms, they will be asked to self-isolate and to consult with Health Links- Info Santé. However, we do understand that some of the COVID-19 symptoms can be related to medical conditions such as asthma or allergies. Staff will exercise judgement based on the symptoms.

If a student is exhibiting symptoms while already at school, they will be relocated to the stage while parents/caregivers are being contacted.

Remote learning will be made available for students who are medically advised not to return to in-class learning due to COVID-19 risk factors.

Signage, with exclusion criteria, will be posted at all entrances of the school.

Outbreak Management

In the event of the confirmation of a case of COVID-19 connected with École Harrison, Public Health will lead the response and ensure appropriate supports are in place to coordinate the response. Contact tracing involves identifying the contacts of a positive case and contacting those individuals who may have been exposed.

Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors or volunteers are permitted at schools, but visits will be minimized to the greatest extent possible. We will be using online communication email, video, and telephone to interact with our families, where possible, rather than in person. When visiting the school, please remain outside until a staff member is able to greet you. Please call the school at 204-729-3200 prior to your arrival.

Parents, caregivers, healthcare providers, volunteers, and other non-staff adults (e.g., visitors) entering the school will be prioritized to those supporting implementation of public health measures and activities that benefit student learning and well-being (e.g., teacher candidates, immunizers, clinicians, etc.).

Sanitation/Hygiene protocol

Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the recommended hand hygiene practice. Students and staff must engage in frequent hand hygiene. School staff will help young children to ensure handwashing is done correctly. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be made available in the school.

Personal items (e.g., hats, hair accessories, lip balm, food/drinks) should not be shared.

School staff will help students to ensure handwashing is done correctly by showing the videos below. Videos will be reviewed regularly by classroom teachers.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing.html>

Hand Washing for older students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IisgnbMfKvI>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing-heroes-dv.html>

Proper Hand washing for young students Described video

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing.html> Hand Washing for older students

Personal Protective Equipment

- Students (Grade 4 and up), teachers, staff, visitors and volunteers are required to wear non-medical masks.
- Students in grades K-3 are also encouraged to wear nonmedical masks.
- All school bus passengers in Grade 4 and older, and the driver, are required to wear a non-medical mask. These should be put on before loading and taken off after offloading if removal is appropriate for the setting. Students under Grade 4 can also use non-medical masks.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Increased frequency of cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing—particularly on high-touch surfaces and in common/shared areas—will be required. At École Harrison we will:

- disinfect commonly touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, electronic devices including photocopiers, printers, laptops, keyboards, mice monitors and touchscreens, chairs, desks, art supplies, toys, games, gym equipment, tools, and equipment) frequently.
- increase monitoring of hand-cleaning supplies to ensure an ample supply at all sinks in washroom and kitchen area.
- ensure washrooms and lunchrooms are cleaned/disinfected frequently.
- available water fountains will only be bottle fillable.

Staff and students will be required to disinfect:

- electronic devices including photocopiers, printers, laptops, keyboards, mice, monitors and touchscreens, chairs, desks, art supplies, toys, games, gym equipment, tools, and equipment in between uses.

Each classroom will be provided with disinfecting spray as well as cloths.

Transportation

Physical distancing and/or cohorts are also required in school transportation. For more information, refer to the Guidelines for Transportation to Schools at <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/reopening/transportation.html>.

Parents are encouraged to transport their own children to and from school if they are able. Active transportation, such as walking, and biking is encouraged.

Extra-Curricular and Off-site Activities

Extra curricular activities and off-site activities have an increased level of risk. Therefore, each activity will be assessed on an individual basis ensuring they follow Manitoba's Restoring Safe Schools guidelines.

Field trips or outings are permitted. Enhanced planning for field trips will be necessary to ensure the health guidelines are met.

Expectations for In-class Attendance and/or Participation in Remote Learning

Students are expected back to school for all programming for the 2020-2021 school year.

Division-level remote learning will be in place for students who are medically advised not to return to in-class learning due to COVID-19 related risk factors. These situations should be rare and limited to children with compromised immune systems or other medical conditions that increase their risk. Parents and caregivers must consult with physicians on the need for an accommodation.

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Please have an alternative plan in the instance of illness or shifts in Public health orders.

Blended Learning

Staff are to design units and lessons to provide the rich learning experience for in-class learning while designing activities for the critical outcomes in such a way that they can be delivered either in- class or remotely.

Recovery Learning

Our school intervention team will use the RTI model to address individual learning needs.

Collaborative Teacher Teams will be focused on recovery learning, prioritizing outcomes and delivery of programs.

Expectations for lockers/schedules/bells/recess/lunch

Classrooms will be individual cohorts.

- There will be specific entrances and exit doors for each cohort.
- All cohorts will line up in their designated area at the beginning of the day as well as when entering the school from recesses.
- There will be staggered recesses along with lunch.
- The school yard will detail each cohort's outside play area.
- To limit time spent at lockers, locks will not be allowed.
- All students will remain in their own classrooms for indoor recess and lunch.
- Hallways will be marked with directions to facilitate movement in the school.
- Cohorts will be designated specific bathrooms to use.
- Locker allocation will be made to ensure distance between students in the same classroom.
- **We will not have a canteen (this includes no milk/snack items).** Parents/guardians will be responsible to ensure that their child brings a lunch to school.
- **To help maintain safety measures and physical distancing, it is important that parents/guardians drop off their children as close to the morning bell as possible**

Physical Distancing

Physical distancing of two metres or six feet between all individuals will occur whenever reasonably possible.

The following measures will be taken to ensure physical distancing:

- classroom spaces will be arranged to encourage the recommended separation.
- separate entrances will be used.
- close greetings will be avoided (e.g., hugs, handshakes).
- assemblies and gatherings will not take place at this time.
- fire drills and lock-down requirements will be done at the classroom level only.
- school activities will take place outdoors as much as possible.

Utilization of staff

We will adjust and re-allocate staff as needed.

Classroom configurations

In order to reduce classroom sizes in the grades 7-8s, we plan on closing the library and turning it into a classroom. This will bring our 7-8 sizes to around 20-21 students per class.

If a phase orange response is required, all K-8 students will continue with in school learning. Additional spaces will be used to ensure physical distancing requirements are met.

Protocols for sharing equipment and materials

The sharing of material and equipment will be avoided as much as possible. Students are encouraged to keep personal belongings with them.

Cohorts, Entrances and School Yard

École Harrison will be using cohorts to limit exposure and facilitate contact tracing if a case of COVID-19 is identified.

Children and staff will be kept together with the same cohort throughout the day, as much as possible, including lunch breaks and recesses. Locations of classrooms, use of additional space, and timetabling by cohorts will be considered to reduce mixing and to facilitate physical distancing

Entrances					
Main West	Kinder (Maynard)	1 (Carkner)		1 (Schutte)	2 (Perreaux)
Main East	8 (Martine)	7/8 (Marie-Louise)		7/8 (Simard)	
Library	5/6 (Sylvestre)	Warrener 5/6	3 (Cox)	Pegus 7/8	Slomiany (5/6)
North-West	4 (Mcomb)	4 (Mailhot)		2 (Touzin)	3 (Hermenegildo)

Managing Shared Spaces

Library

- The library will be used as a classroom.

Music

- Music classes will take place in the music room as much as possible. Mme. Fontaine will pick up and drop off each class.

Physical Education

- Physical Education classes will take place outside. In the event of rain, physed will take place in the gymnasium. M. Perreaux and M. Simard will be picking up and dropping off each class.
- Students will not be changing for Phys-ed.

Reading Recovery

- Reading Recovery space will be cleaned after each student's lesson.
- All other T1 and T2 interventions will take place in the classroom to avoid using common spaces. Hallways will not be used for student work areas. Hallways will be kept clear of classroom furnishings.

Washrooms

- Staff will ensure that only one student leaves the classroom at a time to use the washroom.

West Washrooms – Grade 1-3

Gym Washrooms – Grade 3-4

East Washrooms – Grades 5-8

Staff and Student Wellness

École Harrison will continue to promote student and staff well-being and to develop a positive sense of community among staff before students return, using the following resources/strategies:

BSD has participated in training from the North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response Guidelines for Re-entry into the School Setting. The training provided the in-depth practical understanding to help prepare school personnel for re-entry into the school community, emphasizing the social and emotional well-being for students and staff.

Many students will have experienced mental health challenges that will require various interventions and supports. During the first weeks of school, our school team will connect with students and families in order to promote and support our students' health, well-being and well-becoming.

For further details, please reference The Brandon School Division School Re-Opening plan at:
https://www.bsd.ca/News/covid19updates/informationforparents/Documents/Brandon%20School%20Division%202020%20Re-Opening%20Schools%20Plan_-1.pdf

Or please contact the school.