

Goulter School Parent Information

In-class learning will resume on September 8th, 2020 for students in all public and independent schools across the province. It will take a collective responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community. Each stake holder plays an important role. “Raising awareness of the health and safety measures implemented at the school” (p. 12) is one of the ways to prepare for in-class learning.

Symptom Screening (page 6 – Restoring Safe Schools)

- Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring their children are not displaying symptoms before sending them to school or on the bus.
- School staff may support screening at school in cases when students did not self-screen at home.
- Screening information will be posted within the school.
- A screening tool is available at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>.

Individuals with Symptoms

- If symptoms develop at school, the student will be isolated in the resource room side office.
- A mask will be provided and worn by the sick student (unless there are safety issues that prevent this from happening).
- Parents will be notified to pick their child up immediately.
- If a staff member is symptomatic, they will immediately self-isolate from all staff and students, notify Mr. Noseworthy or designate, and go home to monitor symptoms.
- **Call Health Links at 1-888-315-9257 for advice on how to proceed.**

Non-Medical Masks (choice K to 3, mandatory Gr.4)

- Practice and model wearing a mask with your child.
- Send a mask with your child every day.
- Masks are to be laundered daily.
- Encourage proper donning and doffing of masks.

Hand Hygiene

- Parents need to practice, encourage and promote the importance of proper hand hygiene.
 - wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Before and after school/work.
 - After using the washroom.
 - Before and after eating.
 - After hands are dirty.
 - After wiping noses or handling dirty tissues.
 - After coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose.

Physical Distancing

- Parents need to encourage and promote two (2) meters of physical distancing whenever possible.
- This will apply to all areas of the school for staff and students.

- Parents need to avoid unnecessary visits to the school. Call ahead, complete self-screening and always report to the office to sign in and sign out.

Cohorts

- Parents will remind students that they need to stay within their cohorts (designated groupings).
- Parents will need to use assigned times and entrances/exits for their cohorts. Drop off is 8:45 a.m. and pick-up is approximately 3:35 p.m.

Shared/Common Spaces

- Water fountains will **not** be available (send filled water bottles please).
- Ensure student items are clearly labelled and avoid sharing of items.
- Students will remove and carry their outdoor shoes with them to their classrooms.
- Field trips, assemblies and other large events will not be scheduled unless public health measures can be met.
- Outside user groups (evening programs, etc.) are suspended at this time.

Recess/Breaks/Lunch

- Non bus riding students are strongly encouraged to go home for lunch and return to the school at 12:55 p.m.

- Parents need to refrain from sending toys and equipment to school for recess.
- Cohorts will use separate sides of the playground and students may not cross over.
- Students must eat their own lunches (no sharing).
- Lunch will be in the classroom.
- Use of microwaves, milk program, hot lunch, etc. is suspended.
- Handwashing/hand hygiene will be performed as required.

Cleaning

- Commonly touched surfaces will be disinfected often.
- Items that cannot be cleaned easily will be stored away in classrooms.
- Student will only access materials that are needed.

Teaching and Learning

- Core curriculum will be prioritized.
- Classroom schedules will facilitate social distancing, frequent hand washing/hygiene, and staggered entries and dismissals.
- **Short-notice for the suspension of in-class learning in response to changing public health advice may occur. Please prepare a contingency plan for child's care/supervision.**

Other Information

- In the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19 connected to the school, **Public Health will lead the response and provide guidance.**
- Public Health may:

- Request records that identify cohorts/groups of staff, students, volunteers and visitors.
- Offer testing following established guidelines to staff, students, volunteers, and visitors that may have been exposed to a positive case.
- Assess the need for the school to be closed for a period of time.
- 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.

Mental Health Supports

Fort La Bosse School Division Counsellors:

Wendy Bancescu (204-851-1891)

Chelsea Braybrook (204-851-6422)

Adult Mental Health Access Services – 1-855-222-6011

Adolescent Mental Health Services – 1-204-748-4346

Community Mental Health Services – Brandon – 1-204-578-2400

Anxiety Disorders Association of Manitoba – 1-204-826-2773

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Health Links:

1-888-315-9257

About COVID-19:

<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/about.html>

Screening Tool:

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>



Parent Expectations:

- **Encourage and model public health guidelines.**
- **Avoid unnecessary visits to the school. Please call ahead.**
- **Screen for symptoms daily.**
- **Do not send your child to school if they are sick or if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.**
- **Be available to pick up your child if they become ill.**
- **Have a plan in place in case things change quickly.**
- **Stay in touch with your child's teacher and principal.**
- **Wash masks daily.**
- **Use assigned entrances and exits only. Please arrive at specified times.**