

O.M. IRWIN SCHOOL

REOPEN PLAN

NOTE: As things change we will keep you updated and informed.

IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AND STUDENTS WELL-BEING

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENT'S SOCIAL EMOTIONAL NEEDS AS THEY RETURN

- ★ We will be supporting all students to meet their social, and emotional needs as a staff.

HAND WASHING & SANITIZATIONS

HANDS WILL BE WASHED/SANITIZED AS THEY ENTER CLASSROOMS

- ★ Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the student entrances - K-2, 8 (SE corner entrance) and Gr. 3-7 (NE corner entrance).
- ★ Hand sanitizer stations will be placed inside of each homeroom. Two portable hand wash stations will be provided.
- ★ Hand Washing/Sanitizing will be taught
- ★ Hand washing/Sanitizing will take place before and after morning and afternoon recesses, as well as before and after lunch (in designated areas).

DESKS WILL BE WIPED & SPRAYED BETWEEN ACTIVITIES/TRANSITIONS

- ★ Each classroom will have an appropriate cleaning disinfectant spray bottle and paper towel.
- ★ Reminders about cleaning surfaces will be posted in classrooms.
- ★ Desk surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

COUGHING, SNEEZING, AND FACE ETIQUETTE WILL BE TAUGHT

- ★ Parents will receive information on coughing, sneezing, and face touching etiquette.
- ★ Reminders about coughing, sneezing, and face touching etiquette will be posted in classrooms, bathrooms, entrances, and hallways.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS

STAGGERED ENTRY TIMES: (AM ENTRY, RECESSES, LUNCH, DISMISSAL)

STAGGERED SCHOOL START: GRADES 1 - 8

- ★ Sept. 8th - half of the students in each homeroom attend. (A-L)
- ★ Sept. 9th - half of the students in each homeroom attend (M-Z)
- ★ Sept. 10th - all students attend
- ★ Kindergarten students will receive a separate staggered start letter.

RECESSES

- ★ AM recess times are 10:00-10:15 and 10:20-10:35
- ★ PM recess times are 1:35-1:50 and 1:55-2:10.
- ★ The two recess block times will have unique bells.
- ★ There is a **5** minute buffer of time between the recess times to allow for student and staff transitioning.
- ★ Each homeroom will have its own area and equipment for playground use.
- ★ Students will play in their classroom cohort.

DISMISSAL

- ★ We will have a staggered student dismissal at the end of the day to help avoid congestion.
 - K-2 (3:05)
 - 3-5 (3:10)
 - 6-8 (3:15)

LIMIT GATHERINGS

- ★ Students will have alternating lunch times and will eat lunch in their homerooms.
- ★ We will explore online school assemblies and classroom celebrations.
- ★ To avoid congestion at the end of the day, students are expected to board school buses, walk home, or go home with their parents.
- ★ For the first week of school, students will report to their homerooms when arriving at school in the morning.
- ★ We will have a closed campus for middle years students at lunch. They either go home for lunch or remain at school for lunch.
- ★ Special lunch days, the nutrition program, and milk program will be paused until further notice.

COHORTS (HOMEROOMS)

- ★ Students will have assigned spots at their designated entrance to line up outside prior to entering the school.
- ★ Teachers will move to classrooms rather than students moving to classrooms.

ATTENDANCE/VISITORS

- ★ Student attendance is tracked daily in the AM and PM and parents will be asked to provide a reason for their child's absence.
- ★ We are limiting visitors to the building, however we still welcome parents and caregivers to contact the school if they need to see the teacher or administration.
- ★ If you need to visit the school please call the office. Mrs. Painchaud or Mrs. Ostrander will ask you the screening questions.
 - If you are cleared you will be required to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entry. You will be asked to sign in, and must practice social distancing.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- ★ Activities with physical contact will be avoided.
- ★ Students will be taught physical distancing and less physical contact though games and repeating greetings like hugs and handshakes with air high fives and waves.
- ★ Floor markers and other visual cues will be used to reference appropriate social distancing in the hallways, classrooms, washrooms, office, and entrances.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- ★ Middle years and elementary extracurricular activities such as sports teams and clubs are paused until further notice.

MASK PROTOCOL

Masks are required for:

- K-8 students on all city buses
- Gr. 4-8 students in all areas where physical distancing can not be achieved such as in common areas (halls/washrooms).
- Grade 7 and 8 Students will wear masks in PAA.

FACILITY

INCREASED CLEANING & DISINFECTING

- ★ Our facility operators have completed a pre-entry deep clean.
- ★ We will increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces and high traffic areas.

MICROWAVE/WATER FOUNTAIN USE

- ★ There will be no water microwaves or water fountains used. Water bottle fill stations will be available for students.

COMMUNICATION

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- ★ Teachers will use electronic communication to communicate with parents because the student agendas will not be sent home until further notice.
- ★ Teachers will utilize tools such as: Remind, See Saw, and Email.

WELCOME BACK VIDEO

- ★ You will receive a video that will explain the reopen procedures and what to expect on the first day of school.

STUDENT ILLNESS

- ★ Students and staff are to stay home if they are ill.
- ★ If a student develops symptoms at school or upon arrival at school, the student will be taken to an isolation room and the parent or guardian will be notified to pick the student up.
- ★ After the student has left, the isolation room will be cleaned and disinfected.
- ★ Parents need to contact the Sask Health line 811 and follow their direction.
- ★ These are the COVID-19 symptoms as shared by the SHA:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Headache
 - Muscle and/or joint aches and pains

- Sore throat
- Chills
- Runny nose
- Nasal congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite (difficulty feeding for children)
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing

TRANSPORTATION

PARENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

- Parents will be asked to transport their own children where possible.
- Parents pickup and drop-off of students outside the school. As we are limiting visitors to our building, please wait at the designated student entrances or the playground for your child.
- ★ **Parents please drop off and pick up your children using George Street.** Please use the crosswalk and crosswalk lights if dropping off or picking up on the south side of George Street.
- ★ See the map below of the school grounds with George Street and **designated student entrances** highlighted.
- ★ Parents and Guardians, **please do not drop off or pick students up in the staff parking lot.** This is a very busy area with staff, school division staff, and two school buses needing this location.
- ★ **Parents are encouraged to drop off** their children **between 8:20 - 8:30** to assist with student supervision and congestion. Please contact the school if you have concerns.

BUSSING

- ★ Buses will be cleaned and sanitized between each run.
- ★ Students will be assigned seats. Students who live in the same household should be seated together.
- ★ When students arrive in the morning, they will wear their masks until they arrive at their classroom.
- ★ At the end of the school day, students riding buses will wear their masks when they leave their classroom to their bus.

