

ÉWMMS School Re-Opening 2020-2021



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU!

Welcome back families! As I am sure you understand, we are in unprecedented times and our new normal will look much different as we begin the new school year. Please rest assured that your child's health and safety are our #1 priority. Firstly, I must share with you the good news that we have been given approval to operate as normal with our grade 7's being included with the JK-6 guidelines. These guidelines were clearly outlined in the recent communique from YK1. As you may have already seen, there is a great deal of work happening at the school. As of this publication, we are planning to be opened and ready for students at our scheduled time, August 31st! Please stay tuned for any further updates to this regard. The staff have worked very hard over the summer to make sure we have a smooth transition into this new normal, I am sure if we all work together and collaboratively, we can make the beginning of this school year a positive one. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. Jeff Seabrook, Principal

School Drop off Zones:

Lots of changes to the drop off area and parking for parents and service providers. Please stay tuned for a detailed explanation of the drop off and pick up area protocols.

Entering the School:

All École William McDonald Middle School students (Gr.6 & 7) will use the Community Access doors (at the back beside the gymnasium) as the primary access point. JH Sissons (Gr. 1-5) students will use the front /main entrance. JK-K will be going to the portables at the back of the school. School begins at 8:20 and ends at 3:20. Specific information will be forthcoming prior to the start of school.

Programming: Academics, Specialties, Exploratories

All programs will be in full operation with our specialty programs (Music and Physical Education) operating with modifications to adhere to the Health Guidelines provided by the CPHD. Exploratory programs will occur within the classroom bubbles, meaning they will not mix with other classes like in the past.

Classroom Bubbles

All students will be provided with two (2) non medical masks to use when social distancing is not possible in communal areas or if they are a bussing student. Students in Hallways will require to wear masks when in large groups

All of École William McDonald Students will be in classes downstairs except for one Post Intensive class, which will be housed in Room 209

All classes will be in their own "bubble". Other than outdoor activity periods, the classes will not mix with each other. This will limit contact when inside the building.

Two-Way traffic will be allowed in the lower level and will be indicated by arrows on the floor. One-Way traffic will occur on the second floor.

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TIDBITS of INFO

- > Gr. 6 Outdoor Parent Information night August 26th 6-7 pm
- > Gr. 7 Outdoor Parent Information night August 27th , 6-7pm
- > Screening of symptoms will happen at home and upon arrival to school
- > Hand- sanitizing stations in all classrooms and main entrances to the building
- > Classrooms cleaned daily
- > Bathrooms cleaned 2X per day
- > Equipment wiped after each use
- > Water fountains for bottled water only-no communal drinking. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle
- > Lunches will be eaten in classrooms and rooms cleaned after each lunch period
- > Athletic Academy will be postponed until final approval from CPHD as will after school sports



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- > JK/K students from JH Sissons will be in the portables
- > Gr. 1-5 JH Sissons students upstairs
- > Gr 6 & 7 ÉWMMS students are all downstairs
- > Exploratories will be:
Industrial Arts
Culinary Arts
Technology Outdoor Education Art
- > Forestry and Nature school will still be operating
- > All intramurals will be postponed until cleared for inclusion
- > Students are encouraged to stay outside until the bell rings in the morning
- > Loose Parts planned for playground equipment
- > Students are encouraged to stay outside until the bell rings in the morning
- > Classrooms will be opened during poor weather conditions upon arrival



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Classes will be

full-time and in-person for all grade levels, starting August 31st
self-contained, acting as bubbles, with no mixing of classes indoors

Students...

taking the bus will be required to wear face masks
are encouraged to respect distancing from one another as appropriate by age
will generally not be required to wear masks while in class
may be required to wear masks at other times and in other areas of the school, at the direction of the school's staff members
must respect the 2m social distance guideline for all staff
will have access to hand sanitizing stations upon entry to the school and within individual classrooms, and will be encouraged to wash or sanitize hands often
must bring their own individually-labelled school supplies, food and water bottles
will use their own supplies only
showing symptoms of COVID will be sent to a designated medical room while waiting for prompt pick-up by a parent

Parents can help by...

using the screening tool (to be provided by the school or district) to review symptoms with their children daily, before sending them to school
keeping sick children at home until they are symptom-free, or have received medical clearance to return
promptly picking up children who develop symptoms during the school day
ensuring that their children arrive at school, and are picked up at day's end, within their designate drop-off and pick-up window
respecting the school's medically-required 'no visitors' policy for all grades. Exceptions are only possible for emergencies only