



St. John Brebeuf School

Manitoba's Restoring Safe Schools

Re-opening Plan for the 2021/22 School Year

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St. John Brebeuf School is pleased to welcome back its students on a full time basis as of Thursday, September 9th, 2021.

The current mandate from the province is for all students to return to school for in-class learning. There is currently no remote learning option for students. Schools are in the yellow caution level of the provincial Pandemic Response System.

This plan has been formulated by the school pandemic response committee comprised of school administration, staff, and medical and public health professionals from within our community.

For the most up to date government information regarding schools, please [click here](#). Our school website also has many useful links for parents accessed from the COVID-19 tab on the [homepage](#).

Based on current mandates, the main objectives of this plan are:

- Focusing on the fundamentals of self-screening, hand hygiene, and staying home when sick. It is imperative that those displaying symptoms stay home.
- Use of cohorting and the maintenance of physical distancing between cohorts.
- Mandatory use of masks for all students, staff, and any persons entering the building.

This plan will be reviewed monthly and is subject to change based on new information and mandates that occur as the school year unfolds. Any changes will be communicated to the parent community promptly via email.

Welcoming Students and Families Back

General

- Students in grades one through eight will start back full time as of Thursday, September 9th.
- Triad meetings for students and parents will be scheduled virtually via zoom for Wednesday, September 8th.
- Students in kindergarten will follow their own schedule for the week of September 7th – 10th, as communicated by their classroom teachers.



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Attendance

- Students must stay home when ill. Please notify the school of absences at schooloffice@sjbcommunity.ca.
- Classroom teachers will support the development and provision of at-home learning packages for students who are home due to illness.
- Substitute teachers will be engaged for teaching staff who are absent from work.

Screening

- Parents must screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19 before bringing them to school, using the [provincial tool](#).
- Students will not be screened upon arrival at school, however staff will be vigilant in monitoring students for symptoms during the school day.
- If a student becomes symptomatic, they will be isolated in designated sick areas. All students who are symptomatic, regardless of grade level, will be provided with a medical mask. Parents will be contacted immediately and must have arrangements in place to have children picked up promptly when ill.
- In the case of a positive COVID-19 case within the school community, the school will comply with public health and their recommendations. It is the responsibility of public health to coordinate the response and lead communications regarding active cases. Public health will determine the need for further testing within the community, the need to self-isolate or self-monitor, and when staff or students may return to school.

Physical Distancing

- Students have been divided according to grade level into cohorts.
- Student cohorts will be maintained for arrival, departure, recess, and BASC.
- Cohorts have designated doors for entering and exiting the building. Please see section on arriving and departing.
- Recesses will be staggered by cohorts.
- BASC students will be separated according to cohorts.
- French, music, and technology classes will take place in designated specialist rooms, **once parish basement renovations are completed**. Estimated completion: end of October.
- The province is allowing for singing and the use of wind instruments in music classes.
- The library will be open under regular operations.



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- Phys. Ed will take place outdoors, to the greatest extent possible, and weather permitting. Students will not change for P.E. until further notice. Gym uniforms are not necessary for the start of the school year.
- In-classroom visitors and volunteers are not permitted at this time.
- Volunteers are permitted in certain instances with prior permission as long as the activities they engage in do not bring them in direct contact with students or classrooms. All volunteers must provide proof of vaccination upon arrival at the school.
- Parents must limit entrance into the building and conduct business with the school office, teacher, administration, etc via telephone or email, when possible.
- If parents do need to access the building they must remain in the foyer and refrain from travelling the hallways or entering classrooms.
- Items such as forms and cheques required by the school should be sent in student folders.

Masks

- Masks are mandatory for all students, kindergarten through grade eight.
- All school personnel will wear masks.
- Anyone entering the school building must wear a mask.
- It is the responsibility of parents to provide masks for their children. The recommendation is two masks per day per child. Click [here](#) for guidance on masks.
- There will be times during the school day when masks will not be worn, such as when outdoors and during lunch. Parents wishing their children to remain masked during these times should communicate this to the classroom teacher.
- It is imperative that parents practice the wearing of masks with their children before the start of school. This includes [proper donning and doffing](#), and time wearing the mask at home so children are used to them before entering the school environment.

Hand Hygiene

- Staff and students will engage in frequent hand hygiene, including at the following times:
 - the start of the day and before going home
 - before and after recess
 - after going to the washroom
 - before eating or drinking
 - after getting hands dirty
 - after wiping nose or handling dirty tissues
 - after coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose



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- before and after putting on and taking off a mask
- after cleaning tasks (staff)

Arriving and Departing

- Parents must make timely arrangements to ensure their children are dropped off and picked up at the designated time.
- The school grounds are closed for student play before and after school.
- Parents are to refrain from congregating on school grounds. Only students in kindergarten through grade two can be accompanied by an adult onto school grounds.
- School personnel will be present on the school grounds before and after school to ensure compliance with the above items.
- All students and staff must sanitize their hands every time they enter the school. Stations will be set up at all entrances.

Kindergarten

- The kindergarten school day will run from 9am – 3pm. Doors open for K students at 8:50.
- Kindergarten students will enter through the north (playground) doors. They should line up using the physical distancing markers on the ground.
- One parent can accompany kindergarten students onto the playground and wait with them while physically distancing until the student enters the building.
- Kindergarten students will be dismissed through the same north (playground doors).

Grades One through Eight- Arrival

- The grade one through eight school day will start at 8:40am.
- Students can be dropped off at any time between 8:20am and 8:40am. **See chart below.**
- Once dropped off, students must proceed directly to their designated door and enter the building immediately.
- If there are multiple students entering at the same time, students should line up on physical distancing markers and wait for their turn to enter.
- One parent of students in grades one and two may accompany their child onto the playground until their child has entered the school.
- Students in grades three through eight should enter the schoolyard unaccompanied by an adult.
- Once inside, students proceed directly to their classrooms and get ready for the school day.



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Grades One through Eight- Departure

- Students will be dismissed through the same doors they entered through.
- Departure times will be staggered. **See chart below.**
- Students must leave school grounds promptly. Siblings with different dismissal times must go directly to their vehicle and wait for other siblings inside the vehicle.

Class	Arrival & Departure Doors	Arrival Time	Departure Time
K	North (playground) doors	9:00 am	3:00pm
1M	North (playground) doors	Drop off between 8:20am and 8:40am	3:10pm
1W	North (playground) doors		3:10pm
2M	North (playground) doors		3:10pm
3M	West (parking lot) doors		3:20pm
4C	West (parking lot) doors		3:20pm
4K	West (parking lot) doors		3:20pm
5I	Main (Renfrew Street) doors		3:10pm
6M	Main (Renfrew Street) doors		3:10pm
6S	Main (Renfrew Street) doors		3:10pm
7B	Gym doors (located on south side of building off John Brebeuf Place)		3:20pm
8T	Gym doors (located on south side of building off John Brebeuf Place)	3:20pm	

Before and After School Care

- The BASC program will start operating on September 9th.
- Student cohorts will be maintained for BASC.
- BASC opens at 7:30 each morning, and ends at 5:30 after school.
- BASC will operate out of the school gymnasium until such time as renovations to the parish basement are complete, estimated for the end of October.
- The BASC doors will be the main (Renfrew) school doors.
- One parent may enter the school in order to sign their child in and out of the program, but only as far as the school foyer. This parent must self-screen, wear a mask, and sanitize hands upon entry.



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- Only one parent at a time allowed in the building for BASC pick up/drop off. If another parent is ahead of you, please wait outside the doors and physically distance according to markers.
- All students will wear masks for BASC.
- Snacks will be prepackaged and given directly to students by supervisors.

Role of Parents

- Parents and caregivers share responsibility with the school in ensuring a safe environment for our students.
- Parents are expected to:
 - Read the school's re-opening plan thoroughly.
 - Reinforce hand hygiene and physical distancing with children frequently.
 - Practice mask wearing with children in the home before the commencement of school.
 - Ensure masks are [properly cared for and cleaned](#).
 - Understand that in school learning is mandatory.
 - Prescreen children daily for COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Keep children home if they have any symptoms.
 - Make preparations to have children picked up promptly if symptoms emerge while at school. Ensure contact info for parents and emergency contacts is up to date at all times.
 - Refrain from congregating on school grounds.
 - Refrain from entering the school.

Building/Operational Preparedness

General

- Physical distancing markers will be located at all school entrances.
- Hand sanitizing stations are set up at all entrances.
- School hallway is divided in half with directional arrows on each side.
- Physical distancing markers are located outside the school office, bathrooms, and throughout the hallway.
- Signage on physical distancing and handwashing visible at entrances and throughout school.

Classrooms

- All classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer. Students will be prompted frequently to sanitize hands.



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- Plexiglass partitions are installed on tables in early years' classrooms, and individual desk shields are installed in middle years' classrooms.
- All non-essential furniture has been cleared out of classrooms to facilitate physical distancing.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Cleaning regimen will remain the same as last year.
- More frequent cleaning of washrooms, four times daily.
- High touch surfaces will be cleaned multiple times daily, by both cleaning staff and classroom staff.

Ventilation

- HVAC units have just been serviced and are in good working order.
- Servicing occurs bi-monthly, including filter changes.
- Set to continually bring in a minimum of 20% fresh air at all times.
- HVAC company is on call to deal immediately with any issues should they arise.
- Windows in classrooms will be open, as conditions permit.

Miscellaneous

- Only touchless water fountains that allow students to fill water bottles will be used. Students must bring their water bottle back and forth daily to allow for cleaning at home. Please send the water bottle back filled in the morning to alleviate trips to the fountain.
- Microwaves will not be available at lunch. No food that requires heating please.
- Hot lunch is suspended until further notice.
- Assemblies, Mass with the School, field trips, and extra-curriculars will be introduced gradually and in accordance with public health directives.