

COVID 19

Information

Return to School Protocols

Here is a handy reminder of the some of the important protocols in place to ensure a safe return to school. Please ensure you review this with your children prior to the first day of school, **September 10!**



LEARNING GROUPS/COHORTS

- Students will be placed in learning groups/cohorts, up to a maximum of sixty students, to reduce the number of close, in person interactions.
- Within learning groups/cohorts, minimized physical contact is required, but physical distancing does not need to be maintained at all times.
- Learning groups/cohorts are recommended by the Provincial Health Officer as an effective way to limit the number of interactions between people in schools and subsequently reduce potential exposures to COVID-19.

DROP OFF / PICK UP

Our morning bell rings at 8:25 and our afternoon bell will ring at 2:30.

- All students are to be dropped off at the school gate. Students will then be assigned their learning group/cohort play area. At the end of the day learning groups/cohorts will meet their parents at the gate.

WASHING HANDS

Students must wash their hands:

- When they arrive at school and before they go home
- Before eating and drinking
- After using the toilet
- After sneezing or coughing into hands or tissue
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty
- When moving between different learning environments (e.g., outdoor-indoor transitions, from the gym to the classroom)

MASKS

• Students may choose to wear masks and gloves while in the school building.

• Immaculate Conception School will provide two face masks per student. Cleaning of the mask will be the responsibility of the family. Disposable masks will be made available to students and staff, upon request.

ILLNESS

• Parents must assess their children daily, to confirm that their child does not have the symptoms of the common cold, influenza, COVID 19, or other infectious respiratory disease before bringing them to school.

• If a student presents with any symptoms, they must not attend school.

• If a child becomes ill at school, the student's parent or caregiver will be contacted for immediate pick up.

• Parents or caregivers must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, and their symptoms have resolved. Staff will contact and inform Public Health when a student has been sent home ill, with COVID like symptoms.

Please refer to the Health and Safety Protocols for more detailed information

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

At this time, Immaculate Conception School will limit school assemblies and masses to learning groups/cohorts. However, other school wide events will be cancelled to ensure the number of people gathered is in accordance with the Provincial Health Officer's regulations.

- Students will refrain from close greetings , such as hugs and handshakes.
- Students will be asked to maintain physical distance from each other and staff members, who are not part of their learning group or cohort. Parents are encouraged to remind their children to minimize physical contact with others.
- Teachers and support staff will maintain 2m of physical distance from students who are not in their learning group/cohort. This includes our specialty teachers (PE, Computer/Library, Music and French).
- Recess/snack, lunch, and class transition times will be staggered to provide a greater amount of space for everyone.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

- Food and drinks cannot be shared amongst students
- Food items and containers will be kept in the student's backpack, which only the student touches. Students must be able to open their own food containers and packages.
- Students must bring their own water bottles for use during the day. Students will be permitted to fill their water bottles at the filling stations, but they will not be permitted to drink from the water fountains.
- Recess and lunch breaks may be staggered for students.
- All students are required to bring all their school supplies in labelled pencil cases, Ziploc bags, etc. Students are permitted to only use their own supplies. Communal class supplies will not be permitted this school year.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Parents must park their vehicles in the parking lot to drop off their children. Please do not pull up in front of the gate to drop off your children as this causes a back up of vehicles.
- DO NOT park in the accessible parking stalls unless you have the appropriate signage on your vehicle.
- Please ensure your child's belongings are all labelled.
- All medical forms need to be submitted to the office if your child has allergies and requires medication.