



Strathcona Elementary Information

August 26, 2020

While planning for our **Stage 2 Re-Start** (*full-time in-class instruction for all students in a learning group*), maintaining a **HEALTHY** and **SAFE** environment for **ALL** was foundational.

WHAT IS A **LEARNING GROUP (COHORT)** ?

- A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout a school term.
- Our learning groups at Strathcona Elementary, primarily consist of a single class with their classroom teacher.
- Our learning groups may be a maximum of 60. This may occur for learning groups during recess and lunch when they are outside or in larger school spaces.

MANDATORY DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

- To stop the spread of COVID-19 daily health screening is mandatory for students and staff.
- Parents are asked to utilize this [screening check-list](#) prior to sending their student(s) each day.
- Students and staff who are unwell must not enter the school.



BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL, RECESS-LUNCH NAVIGATION

- Each class will have a designated line-up spot and our entrance and exit times along with recess and lunch times will be staggered. Specific information will be sent home on Wednesday, September 9th. Learning Groups (Cohorts) will have their times scheduled together and will be physically distanced from other learning groups. Please do not plan to come to the school before 8:15 or stay and play or visit after school as we would like children to go straight home.
- Our school playground has been divided into zones where specific learning groups (cohorts) will be playing.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

1. **Is there COVID-19 Protocol Training and Education for students and staff?**
 - a. All school district staff will receive COVID-19 Protocol Training. This will include topics such as: handwashing, proper mask usage, signs and symptoms and our site-specific protocols. During our initial days of school, students will also receive instruction around these topics.
2. **Will other adults besides my child's classroom teacher be part of the learning group?**
 - a. There may be staff such as learning assistance teachers, counsellors, library and prep teachers who work across learning groups. These adults will be physically distancing and wearing a non-medical mask.
3. **Does my student need to wear a non-medical mask?**
 - a. Elementary students are not required to wear a mask, but may choose to do so.
4. **Will my child be sharing supplies?**
 - a. Students will not be sharing materials and their own supplies will be labeled and kept in a personal container.
5. **Are visitors able to access the school?**
 - a. We are limiting visitor access. Please connect with us by email or over the phone. Visitors entering the school will be required to complete a health screen.
6. **Is there additional cleaning and disinfecting?**
 - a. Yes, we are following guidelines outlined by the Ministries of Education and Health.
7. **Will there be Physical Distancing?**
 - a. We will be creating space between students/staff as much as possible and staggering entrance/exit and recess and lunch times. Students will also be regularly reminded to keep their hands to themselves. Our students will be going outside often so please ensure that they're dressed for the weather.

If you have questions, please connect with the school office (604-792-9301). Stay updated by accessing our [school website](#).

HELPFUL LINKS:

- [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings.](#)
- [School District Website](#)