



COVID-19 Stage 2 Re-Start Plan

Watson Elementary Information

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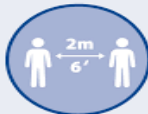
While planning for our **Stage 2 Re-Start** (*full-time in-class instruction for all students in a learning group*), maintaining a **HEALTHY** and **SAFE** environment for **ALL** was foundational.

WHAT IS A **LEARNING GROUP**?

- A learning group is a group of students and staff who remain together throughout a school term.
- Our learning groups at Watson 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.



RECESS-LUNCH and SCHOOL NAVIGATION

- Our recess and lunch times will be staggered. Learning Groups will have their times scheduled together and will be physically distanced from other learning groups.
- Watson's Breakfast/Lunch Program will continue following Provincial Operational Guidelines.
- Our school common areas such as entrances/exits, hallways, washrooms and gymnasiums have been clearly marked to ensure physical distancing.

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, 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. 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.
5. Has there been changes to **riding the bus**?
 - a. Yes, Buses have been equipped with a plastic shield to protect the driver and passengers. Elementary students may choose to wear a mask. Mask are required for middle and secondary students.
6. Is there additional **cleaning and disinfecting**?
 - a. Yes, we are following guidelines outlined by the Ministries of Education and Health.

If you have questions, please connect with the school office. Stay updated by accessing our school website and PAC Facebook page. First day of school information can be found here.

HELPFUL LINKS:

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