



Mary Montgomery School

Summary of Back to School Plan

September 2, 2021

Mask Mandate - Effective the first day of school (Wednesday, September 8th), there will be a Provincial mask mandate for all Kindergarten to Grade 12 Students, FLBSD staff and visitors when indoors at school. We are asking families to supply a mask for their child; however, there will be disposable masks available at the school when required. When outdoors, students and staff will not be required to wear masks. We will cognizant of times during the day when students need a 'mask break'.

Hand Sanitization - Students, staff and visitors will be expected to sanitize their hands when entering and exiting any room within the school.

COVID Screening / Students who present symptoms - School families will be required to screen their children each day prior to coming to school. Students who are showing symptoms will be required to stay at home. We encourage families to use the Manitoba Government's online screening tool. (<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>) Students who may develop symptoms during the school day will need to go home. **Parents or caregivers will be notified to come and pick up their child immediately. We are encouraging all student families to develop a plan if their child becomes ill during the school day.** If symptoms develop while at the school, the student will be isolated in a predetermined isolation space and monitored by an adult.

Cohorts - Our school will continue to use cohorts. This will include methods for managing the flow of students in common areas. Student movement within the school will be restricted and controlled to allow for the separation of each cohort. One of our main goals will be to eliminate students from different cohorts congregating inside the school. Each grade level will be a cohort (Kinder, Grade 1, Grade 2, etc.). These cohorts will have their breaks together during the school day and will not interact with any other of the school cohorts. Simply put, a Grade 1 student will not have any interaction with a Grade 4 student during the school day. Each grade level will have a designated area on the school playground and a designated door to enter and exit the school. Cohorts will line up in a designated area prior to entering the school.

Water bottles - Students need to bring a **filled reusable water bottle**, with their name clearly labeled on it, each day to school. The water bottle will return home each day. The water fountains will not be available for students to have a drink. They will be allowed to refill their water bottle at the water fill station.

Microwaves - Microwaves will not be available this school year.

Communication - As we navigate this unique school year, communication will be a critical component for success. Our belief will be to 'over communicate' - providing messages more than once. Our school will continue to use a variety of methods. Our primary sources will be via our school Facebook page & Webpage and the FLBSD Webpage. We are encouraging school families to regularly check for updates. Classrooms teachers will be the primary contact for school families, using a variety of methods which may include email, the Remind App, text message and phone calls. This will be determined by your child's classroom teacher. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, we encourage your family to contact the school.

School Arrival

- We are asking students to have washed their hands prior to leaving their homes.
- 'Town Students' (Students who do not arrive via the school bus)
 - Please arrive at the school between 8:45 AM and 8:50 AM.
 - Students are instructed to meet their classroom teacher outside their designated door.
 - Students will be provided hand sanitizer by their classroom teacher and apply hand sanitizer prior to entering the school.
 - Students will be instructed to enter the school via their designated door and will go directly to their classroom. They will then go straight to their specific work space (desk or table assignment) and begin their day with an individual learning activity.

- Students who arrive via the school bus
 - Individual buses will drop off students at their respective schools. (No shuttle system.)
 - When students arrive via their busses, they will depart their bus and proceed to their designated door to meet their classroom teacher.
 - Students will be provided hand sanitizer by their classroom teacher and apply hand sanitizer prior to entering the school.
 - Students will be instructed to enter the school via their designated door and will go directly to their classroom. They will then go straight to their specific work space (desk or table assignment) and begin their day with an individual learning activity.
- Students arriving after 9:00 AM
 - Students will enter the school at the front door and report to the school office.
 - Students will be provided hand sanitizer and apply hand sanitizer prior to proceeding to their room.
 - Students will be instructed to go directly to their classroom and to their specific work space (desk or table assignment).

Recess Breaks

- Our school will have 2 recess breaks during the school day for our students.
- Breaks are scheduled for 10:30 - 10:45 AM and 2:30 - 2:45 PM
- Specific areas of the playground will be designated for each cohort.

Lunch Hour Break

- Our lunch break will be from 12:15 to 1:05 PM.
- Fort la Bosse School Division and MMS are strongly encouraging any 'town students' to have their entire (12:15 to 1:05) lunch break at home.
- We also strongly encouraging families to use lunch containers that their children can easily open.
- Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will eat their lunch from 12:15 to 12:40 PM. They will have their outside break from 12:40 to 1:05 PM.
- Grade 3 and Grade 4 students will have their outside break from 12:15 to 12:40 PM. They will eat their lunch from 12:40 to 1:05. (I would encourage families to pack extra snacks for the morning snack to help accommodate this change.)
- Grade 1 to 4 students will be eating in their classrooms at their specific learning space. Kindergarten students will be eating their lunch in the gym at our lunch tables.

School Departure

- 'Town Students' (students not requiring bus service) will be dismissed at 3:25 PM.
- Students travelling on school bus will depart from their classroom when called via the intercom.
- FLBSD buses will begin dismissing at 3:30 PM and end approximately at 3:45 PM.
- It is important to let the school office know if your child's after school plans have changed.

Visitor Access

- All access to Mary Montgomery School, except for students, will be through the front door.
- The front door will be locked during the school day. If you require access to the school, please ring the doorbell located near the front door.