

Summary of the Health and Safety Plan
St. Pius X Elementary School
August 26, 2020

The purpose of this document is to provide St. Pius X School parents with a summary of the Operations and Health & Safety for our school with the return of full in-class instruction starting September 10th, 2020. **For the complete plan please see attached.**

Our priority is to implement school-based control measures to keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

Learning Cohorts

- Our 8 learning cohorts will consist of approximately 30 people including the students from each class/grade and the teacher(s).
- The cohorts will remain consistent for all activities that occur in the school day including, but not limited to, learning and breaks (lunch, recess, classroom changes, etc.,).
- The number of adults (teachers/EAs) interacting within cohorts throughout the day will be minimized.
- Students will stay in assigned cohorts to receive beneficial supports or services (e.g. resource). Physical distancing protocols will be maintained as much as is practical to do so while still ensuring the support, program or service continues.
- Cohorts will go outside when possible for lessons and/or play-exercise times.

Daily Routine Screening/Illness/Masks

- Parents are required to perform a daily routine health check/screening of their children prior to sending them to school. **Form attached.**
- Children with common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 like symptoms must stay home, be assessed by their health care provider, and be tested for COVID-19 if required.
- If a student develops symptoms while at school, the office will call the parent to arrive as soon as possible when notified their child is ill. An ill student will wear a mask while waiting to go home.
- Grade 6 and 7 students will wear masks whenever physical distancing outside of the classroom cannot be maintained. Two reusable masks will be provided to each student in those grades.
- A child-sized re-usable mask was also purchased for every student in K-5 if they so choose to wear it.

Dress Code

- Children are to come to school in their school gym strip until instructed otherwise, and may wear their SPX hoodie or school sweater over their gym strip.
- Running shoes are highly recommended, as outdoor activities will be encouraged.
- Children wishing to wear leggings under their shorts may wear black or navy leggings only.
- Children will require waterproof rain-gear and boots for rainy days, as all students, will be outside for both recesses.

School Materials, Lunches and Backpacks

- All necessary supplies, food and water bottles must be sent with your child in the morning in their backpack, which will be kept beside their desk/table.
- Cloakrooms will be closed for now.
- Please do not bring any shared food or drop off late lunches or items.
- No personal items will be shared.

Drop-Off Procedure

- Drop-off will start at 8:45 am.
- Parent/guardian/caregiver drivers are to enter the school grounds, loop through the paved parking area and proceed to the front of the school where students are to be dropped off. **Map to follow.**
- Staff will help the students vacate the vehicles and direct them to their designated waiting areas: Primary grades at marked cones on the turf field and Intermediate grades at marked cones on the gravel field.
- Once lined up, Primary students will enter through the back door by grade, Intermediate students through the front door by grade.
- Walkers and cyclists are asked to enter off of Brockton
- Note: the playgrounds are **closed** before and after school.

Pick-Up Procedure

2:45 pm **Primary** students and their older siblings

2:55 pm **Intermediate** students

- Cars may park for pick-up. Your child will be waiting to be picked up by you at the designated waiting areas: Primary grades at marked cones on the turf field and Intermediate grades at marked cones on the gravel field.
- For families with children in both primary and intermediate, please pick up your primary child first and then your intermediate child.
- Please follow the social distancing protocols by picking up swiftly and by not loitering on the school grounds. Note: the playgrounds are **closed** before and after school.

Administrative Area

- Entry to the school is restricted to staff, students, designated, trained parent volunteers, delivery service personnel, expected contractors, and parents with pre-arranged appointments.
- All those entering the school must be aware of and follow safety protocols. They will be asked to complete a daily health check form before proceeding into the school.
- Most parent volunteer duties have been suspended. We are looking at ways to continue with some by adapting the way it is done (e.g. sending work home for parents to do, such as cutting and sorting, to help the classroom teachers).

Postponed/Adapted Events

- Extra-curricular activities that can be run following PHO guidelines will be, possibly in an alternative way (e.g. practices only, virtually, etc.).
- Our Curriculum/Meet-the-Teacher Evening on September 17th will be held virtually.
- Our Run-a-thon is scheduled to happen with adaptations in place as well.

More information regarding these events will be sent out soon.

By working together, we can ensure a smooth and safe return to school.