

# École St. Henry's Junior Elementary Return to School Plan



This plan will be updated upon direction from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer and as our response to the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

Ensuring the physical and emotional health and safety of students and staff remain our top priority. We acknowledge that the return to school may be met with anxiety for students, families and staff. It is in our work together as the École St. Henry's Junior family that we will provide the safe, welcoming, faith-based learning environment that has always been a cornerstone of our school.

## Safe Attendance



Every morning before children come to school, families will be asked to check for any COVID-19 symptoms using the assessment tool (attached). If your child is experiencing any symptoms, do not send your child to school. Parents are encouraged to contact Healthline 811 and follow their directions.

If a child becomes sick at school with COVID-19 symptoms, families will be called to come and pick them up immediately. School officials will contact Public Health. Until parental arrival, students will be supervised in an isolated room and provided with a medical mask. The supervising staff member will wear a mask and face shield during all interactions with the ill student. The student's classroom will be cleaned and disinfected, as well as other areas in the school that the student had access to.

If a child has symptoms related to a pre-existing condition, the student is encouraged to be tested at least once before the start of school. If negative for COVID-19, these symptoms can be considered a baseline and no future testing is necessary unless symptoms change.

## Safe Classroom



Proper hand hygiene is a key element to reducing the spread of illness. Ensuring these healthy hygiene behaviours and practices are established will be done through teaching protocols and procedures such as hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding touching your face.

Forward facing instruction will occur in classrooms.

Staff will encourage students to limit physical contact and will model new ways to interact with each other to maintain a sense of connection.

Students will not be allowed to share personal items, such as supplies and food. Learning materials that are shared amongst students during classroom lessons will be reduced and sanitized. Technology will be cleaned between each use.

We will take our learning outside! We will deliver the full Saskatchewan Curriculum and will utilize a variety of learning spaces. Outdoor learning spaces will be used as much as possible.

**Relationships between home and school are critical for student success. This year, developing those relationships will look different, but it will still be just as important. During our end of day procedure, staff will bring students outside to meet with their family; we look forward to connecting with you outside to share information and answer any questions.**

### Safe Access



Designated entrance and exits for students for each grade level:

- Main Doors : Grade 1 English and French Immersion, Grade 2 French Immersion, Grade 3/4 French Immersion;
- North Front Doors: Kindergarten, Grade 2 English, Grade 3 English, Grade 4 English;
- North Back Doors: Prekindergarten

Staggered recess breaks and transition times, remaining in classroom cohorts, will control the flow of traffic. When coming in from outside recess breaks, we will continue to line-up and enter the school in our classroom cohorts.

Students who can go home for lunch are encouraged to do so. A staggered lunch time will minimize the number of students playing outside:

- K-2 will eat from 11:45-12:10 and will play outside from 12:10-12:40
- Grades 3 and 4 will play outside from 11:45-12:10 and will eat from 12:10-12:40

Students will continue to eat snacks and lunch in their classrooms. Students should bring items to eat that they can open themselves to limit contact from others.

A variety of fun, non-physical greetings will be taught and used as ways to connect with each other without contact.

Anyone who enters the school will do so through the main doors, limit their movement within the school, be required to complete a COVID-19 screening and follow hand-sanitizing and masking protocols prior to entering the school.

### Safe Facilities



Hand sanitizer will be located at every entrance and outside every learning space.

School Supply Lists will remain the same as were sent in June. Families are asked to bring a very minimal number of supplies to school (we kindly ask that you do not send more than what the list requires). The school will provide all other supplies with no cost to families. As part of our supply list, students are asked to bring a personal hand sanitizer to school. We also ask that families include an extra change of clothes, in a labeled Ziploc bag, for all students.

There will be numerous prompts to wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day, such as when first entering the building, entering the classroom, before and after recess, and before and after eating.

Signs and markings in hallways, such as directional areas for traffic flow, will be used to limit cross-exposure.

High-touch points and washrooms will be sanitized multiple times throughout the day.

Two water bottle filling stations have been installed in our school. The regular water fountains will be temporarily disabled. Students are asked to bring a reusable water bottle filled from home each day and to return it home each night to be cleaned.

Classroom cubbies will not be used for student materials. Each child will be provided with a plastic tub (with a lid) to store their jacket, lunch and other personal items.

**Communication remains vital between home and school. Please ensure that the school has your most up-to-date phone number, email address and emergency contact information so that we can share information in a timely manner. We will also use our school Twitter and SCC Facebook page to post critical documents. Teachers will utilize the Remind App or Seesaw to share specific classroom information.**

### Safe Supports



Students and staff returning to school do so with a varying range of emotions. A focus in every classroom will be on the social and emotional needs of the students. All staff have been trained on the use of strategies to support self-regulation, manage anxiety, practice mindfulness and build resilience. The work on social and emotional well-being will continue to be a daily focus at our school.

PPE will be provided where students or staff safety measures have been identified within the students' IIP.

Our school team will work with students and families to revise individualized goals, as required, to ensure student health and safety across home and school contexts. Our school team will contact the families of students with IIP's to meet prior to the child beginning school.

Families of students who are unable to attend in-person learning are invited to contact the school to discuss learning options.

### Safe Transportation



Parents are asked to transport their own children where possible. We encourage all families to consider active transportation such as walking or biking, if possible.

It is recommended that Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students at École St. Henry's Junior wear a mask when using CTTCS Transportation (ie: Melville City Bus). **Grade 4 Students are required to wear a mask when riding the City Bus.**

All students are required to utilize masks when accessing GSSD (rural) busing.

Students will be assigned seats on buses and a record of the seating plan will be kept. Students who live in the same household may be seated together.

Bus sanitization will occur after each run.

### Safe Activities



Connections among students are critical for emotional well-being. While we will not gather in large groups, we will work on a variety of ways to connect with each other in different ways.

Field trips and extra-curricular travel will be on pause. The status of these activities will be revisited regularly throughout the year.

All activities that require adults to group together (School Community Council, parent meetings, etc.) will be done virtually whenever possible.

To support the return to school, staff will be in contact with families new to École St. Henry's Junior to set-up opportunities for tours of the school.

### Safe Alternatives



In collaboration with the Local Medical Health Officer, our division is following Level 2 Guidelines put in place by Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer. For École St. Henry's Junior this means:

- All Grade 4 students are required to wear masks while in school and when using CTTCS transportation.
- Students in Prekindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks while in school and when using CTTCS transportation.
- All staff are required to wear masks.
- Families may choose to provide students with a mask. Disposable masks are available at school.

Staff will support students in the proper procedures to wear a non-medical mask.

## Daily Health Check for Students, Staff and Invited Guests

Parents / Guardians / Students / Staff must use this risk assessment each day to decide if they should enter a school or CTTCS facility

1.	Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore Throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle / Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you or your children attending the program had close <u>unprotected*</u> contact (face-to-face contact within 2 metres) with someone who is ill with cough and/or fever?	YES	NO
4.	Have you or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

\***unprotected** means close contact without a mask or other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

\*\***ill** means someone with COVID-19 symptoms listed above.

If you have answered “**No**” to all the above questions, you may enter the school/facility.

If you have answered “**Yes**” to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school/facility at this time. You should stay home and use the Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool or call HealthLine 811.

- Please seek testing as soon as possible if you have any symptoms.