



SOUTH CORMAN PARK SCHOOL

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Dear parents / guardians:

Re: SCP Safe School Plan

Our staff has been very excited to be back in the building, preparing our school for students to return soon! While there are many changes in routines and procedures, we look forward to welcoming your children back to the school in a warm, enthusiastic, and safe manner!

Please find enclosed more details about our return to school plan. Thank you to those families who were able to complete the Prairie Spirit survey, as it was helpful in identifying areas of focus for our planning.

We will continue to update you as we receive new information!

A. Student arrival:

- ❖ Grade 1-6 students will have a “soft start” with families with the last name A-K attending on Sept. 8 and 10 and families with the last name L-Z attending on Sept. 9 and 11. The first full day for grade 1-6 students will be Sept. 14.
- ❖ Kindergarten orientation will continue as scheduled on Sept. 9 and 11, with a staggered start on Sept. 14 and 16 and the first day for all kindergarten students on Sept. 18.
- ❖ Students will arrive by bus or by parent drop off between 8:45 and 8:55.
- ❖ To keep students safe, we will have clear zones for bus, parent vehicle, and student pedestrian traffic; if you are dropping children off, please enter and exit by the south parking lot near the log cabin. The area in front of the school is reserved for buses and the walkways north of the school will be used by student pedestrians as well as staff parking. We will closely monitor the situation and rearrange as necessary.
- ❖ Student entrances have changed for the fall:
 - *Kindergartens* will enter through the *side kindergarten door*,
 - *Grade 1s and 3/4s* will enter through the *west door*,
 - *Grade 2s* will enter through the *south door*,
 - *Grade 4/5 and 6* students will enter through the *front*.
- ❖ To avoid congestion in the boot rooms/entrances, students will not change their outdoor shoes as they enter the building.
- ❖ On the first day, students will go directly to their classrooms for a welcome and to review new procedures.

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B. Family Engagement

- ❖ School guests will be very limited at this time.
- ❖ Classroom newsletters, email communication, planners, and Freshgrade will be important communication tools to ensure continued parent involvement. Meet the Teacher Night and Parent Conferences will occur through the online meeting platform *Teams* to give additional and specific classroom information.
- ❖ Please ensure your PowerSchool contact information is up to date. You will be receiving an email from the office regarding this shortly. Please check in with our admin assistant by Sept. 4 if you require changes to your contact information (scp@spiritsd.ca).
- ❖ If you need to pick up your child at an alternate time, please call the school (306-477-0001) when you are in the south parking lot so a staff member can send them out.

C. Classrooms and Instructional Time:

- ❖ Every effort will be made to organize students in cohorts and use their own classroom learning space. We will delay the start of literacy groups, care partners, etc. until we have more information about safe inter-class groupings.
- ❖ Classrooms and the library space will be trimmed down, with extra furniture moved to the art room, which will not be used as a shared space until we have more information about using shared spaces safely.
- ❖ Students will have assigned, front-facing classroom seating.
- ❖ School supplies will not be shared.
- ❖ Regular handwashing, hand sanitizing, and/or a space wipe down will be scheduled about every 30 minutes throughout the day.
- ❖ We will be putting a plan in place to limit cross contamination and increase sanitation in the bathroom.
- ❖ Gym equipment will be sanitized before and after student use, and where possible, numbered and assigned to students individually.
- ❖ Our students are already in the habit of hand sanitizing on entrance and exit from the computer lab, but wipe-down of keyboards and computer mice will also occur in between classes.
- ❖ We will use outdoor spaces as much as possible, while the weather permits us to do so.
- ❖ Every classroom has a sink and at least one window.

D. Lunch and Recess:

- ❖ Students will have a staggered dismissal and entrance for recess.
- ❖ The playground will be structured in zones to limit interaction, while still allowing children to enjoy playing outdoors together.
- ❖ No-contact and equipment-free activities will be encouraged at recess.
- ❖ Please ensure your child is independent with their shoes, jacket, and other outer wear to reduce the amount an adult or other child will need to be in their personal space.
- ❖ Students will eat lunch in their classroom, with their homeroom teacher.
- ❖ Students are encouraged to bring a washable tea towel to use as a placemat for their lunch.
- ❖ Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and take it home each day to be washed.
- ❖ Please pack lunches with items that can be opened independently by your child to reduce the amount a teacher or other student will be touching your child's food items.
- ❖ At this time, food cannot be shared.

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E. Dismissal:

- ❖ To reduce time spent in proximity on buses, bus students will be dismissed first, with classes being dismissed in a staggered fashion.
- ❖ Dismissal of students transported by parents will follow, with pick-up being at the south parking lot (by the log cabin). **Please do not exit the parking lot until buses have departed.**
- ❖ Please make sure your child knows after-school plans. Some parents use a visual strategy to remind them (like a note in the child's lunch kit, or a bus tag on their backpack), as well as a note in the planner.

F. Masks:

- ❖ We are encouraging mask usage when students are not able to maintain physical distancing.

G. Sanitization:

- ❖ Each classroom will be equipped with several types of disinfectants to ensure surfaces are regularly sanitized.
- ❖ Staff will also utilize disinfectant wipes and technology wipes.
- ❖ Caretaking staff will employ an amplified cleaning scheduling, with high touch points being sanitized at key times throughout the day.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available at all our entrances. A regular schedule for hand sanitization will be employed, including entrances and exits to school and classroom, before and after eating, bathroom, and recesses, about every half hour, and in connection to various activities.
- ❖ Hand sanitization and handwashing procedures will be taught, practiced, and reviewed regularly, with accompanying visuals/posters.
- ❖ Additional signage will assist with physical distancing and traffic patterns throughout the school.
- ❖ Lockers and desks will be cleaned out and sanitized regularly. To assist with this, please check that your child's backpack and lunch kit are cleaned out daily.

H. If your child is sick:

- ❖ Parents and caregivers are being asked to monitor their children for any signs or symptoms of illness. If any symptoms are present, the student is to remain home (if unsure refer to the Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool <https://public.ehealthsask.ca/sites/COVID-19/> or call 811).
- ❖ Please email scp@spiritsd.ca, as well as your child's teacher if they will be at home for the day.
- ❖ If your child is exhibiting concerning symptoms, we will move them to a quiet spot and contact you to create a plan.

I. Learning is Everywhere!

- ❖ In March, when our province moved to a distance learning model, Prairie Spirit adopted the motto, *Learning is Everywhere!* While we are excited to be returning to our school buildings, we recognize that learning environments might continue to be fluid and require flexibility. We anticipate that student attendance might be more variable over the next few months; we will support students through blended learning. We will be sending more information on blended learning shortly.

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J. October and Beyond:

- ❖ Milk sales will be temporarily suspended. We will revisit milk sales in October and if we're still unable to safely provide milk sales to students, any money from milk cards will be refunded to families.
- ❖ PSSD is limiting school visitors for the first 6 weeks. We will continue to update you about volunteering opportunities, guest speakers, performers, etc.
- ❖ At this time, extra-curricular activities are on hold. Watch for updates and further information.
- ❖ At this time, band will be supported remotely.
- ❖ We anticipate hot lunches being able to resume safely at some point soon.

Take care,



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