



# **PSS 2020-2021 Operational Plan**

## **Before Arrival:**

Families are expected to monitor for symptoms of COVID 19 prior to sending students to school daily. Please follow directions for monitoring and reporting symptoms by using the posted Daily Screening process at the end of this document.

## **Arrival:**

Students enter PSS through their closest entry point and are required to wear their community mask to the classroom. Students arrive ***no earlier than 7:50 a.m.*** and go directly to their classroom bubble. There is no outdoor supervision on the playground. If later than 8:20 they must enter the front office doors and check in for attendance.

## **Community Masks:**

All students must have 2 clean community masks daily. Students will wear their community mask when in common areas in the school (Washrooms, Hallways etc.) except for going outside for recess so they do not have their masks outside. Teachers have developed individual methods to store masks in their classrooms, including the Gymnasium.

## **Social Distancing/Personal Hygiene:**

While Social Distancing is not mandatory within K-5 Classrooms staff will teach, model, and reinforce appropriate Social Distancing to increase student safety. Staff will also teach, model, and reinforce good personal hygiene including handwashing, sanitizing, and the proper use of community masks.

## **Sanitizing**

Non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer is provided for use in schools and complies with Public Health standards. Younger students will be supervised when using all sanitizers. We will be using hand Sanitizer that is approved by Health Canada. Hand Sanitizer will be used if there is no access to soap and water, and if their hands are not visibly soiled.

## **Transitions:**

Whenever students are moving through the school, they follow the colored floor markers, wear their community masks, and maintain Social Distancing by staying tight to the right keeping 1m distance between students.

## **Outdoor Recess:**

Students must wear their assigned-colored pinny when outside for recess. Students enter and exit the school with their classroom teacher through their assigned door. Once students exit the building, they must go directly to their assigned play area. One duty teacher will blow their whistle 2 times to indicate the end of recess. Students must wait for their classroom teacher outside the school at the end of recess in their designated location. Students must sanitize when re-entering the classroom.

Indoor recess - All student stay in their assigned classroom and a duty teacher will monitor classrooms. Students will have activities they can do while inside.

## **Lunch:**

Students will eat their lunch in the classroom and will be supervised by teachers. All students will eat their lunch between 12:00-1:00 p.m. depending on the classrooms outdoor recess times. There is no cafeteria service this year.

### **Washrooms:**

Students must wear masks to the washrooms. Students should maintain Social Distancing while outside of their classroom. Students must only enter the washroom if there is an empty stall. If the washroom is full, students must wait in assigned area or return to class. Students must wash their hands when leaving the washroom.

### **Water Fountains:**

Students need to ask to go to the water fountain to fill up their individual water bottle. Students use the touchless fountains or temporary water station. Students wear their community masks while in the hallway. Students must have their own water bottle but teachers will have paper cups for emergencies if students forget a water bottle.

### **Receiving Support:**

When students are travelling to Resource, Guidance or the Office for support, teachers must first contact the office or location. Students must travel directly to the needed area and wear their Community Mask until they arrive. Guidance/Resource/Office etc. will maintain Social Distancing and will wear a community mask if Social Distancing is not possible. Visiting Professionals (Speech etc) will maintain Social Distancing and use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment appropriate for the situation.

### **Library:**

Our school librarian will travel to classrooms on a rotational basis and will provide extra books to classroom teachers on a weekly basis. Library books will stay at school. Our librarian will provide a Read-a-loud to classrooms and will maintain Social Distance.

### **Physical Education:**

Students will travel with their teacher to the Gymnasium for Physical Education. Students and staff will wear their community mask when in the hallways. Students will walk tight to the right. Physical Education specialists will follow safety guidelines for sanitizing equipment.

### **Musical Education:**

Music Teachers will travel to individual classrooms. Music teachers are preparing classrooms for minimum contact through appropriate activities and individual classroom materials. Music Teachers will follow guidelines for sanitizing materials between groups.

### **Communication:**

Families will access most communication from school via Fresh Grade. Important information and dates will be added to our school website. Meetings can be scheduled with teachers or school administrators via email or by calling the school's main office (453-5423). These meetings will be held virtually or by phone where possible. Students who need to call home must go to the office. If pick up is required, the student will stay in their classroom (unless isolated for COVID 19 symptoms) until their parent arrives. Families wait outside the main doors or inside the first set of doors if inclement weather. If students are isolated due to COVID 19 they will wait in the main lobby in the designated area for pick up. Parents are expected to pick their children up in a timely fashion.

### **Dismissal:**

There will be no bell indicating the end of the day. At dismissal, the office will do an all call for walkers, afterschool day care and busses when ready. Students exit the school using the door closest to their pickup location. Students wait in their classrooms with their teachers. Students wear their community masks during dismissal as they exit the building.

### **After School Care:**

Go-Go and the YMCA continue to operate within our building afterschool. They are required to have their own COVID-19 Operational Plan and work with the school. Classrooms that have these groups operating are cleaned and disinfected prior to the next instructional day.

### **Outbreak Management:**

Should there be a case at Park Street School we will be informed by Public Health of a confirmed case. Public Health will instruct the school on the protocol to follow in this event. Public Health determines who will need to self-isolate and for how long. Families that have contacted 811 are expected to follow the advice of Public Health in terms of keeping students' home from school.

## **SELF – MONITORING CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF**

**Prior to leaving for school/work each day, please verify that you do not have two or more symptoms of COVID-19, even if mild:**

**Do you have any of following symptoms:**

**If you answered YES, and have ONLY ONE symptom, you may phone 811 to discuss COVID-19 testing. As a precaution, please self-monitor for onset of additional symptoms that may develop..**

**If you answered YES, and have 2 OR MORE of the symptoms, then self-isolate at home, and call 811.**

- A fever of above 38°C
- A new cough or a worsening chronic cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- A new onset of fatigue
- A new onset of muscle pain
- Diarrhea
- Loss of sense of taste or sense of smell
- In children, purple markings on fingers or toes

**If you answer YES to ANY of the following below, then you must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days.**

**If you develop symptoms, please refer to the self- assessment link on the Government of New Brunswick webpage.**

- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a person being tested for COVID-19?
- You have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are waiting to hear the results of a lab test for COVID-19.
- Have you returned from travel outside of Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia within the last 14 days (IF for work purposes, you are not required to self-isolate upon return, but should self-monitor for symptoms)?
- You have been told by public health that you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

**Follow Public Health advice if you are waiting for testing results for COVID-19 or have been told to self-isolate.**

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