

Nackawic Elementary Covid-19 Operational Protocols

We are very excited to welcome our NES students back into our classrooms and NES staff are committed to making your learners' transition back to school safe and positive. We appreciate your commitment in supporting our efforts. Maintaining the social and emotional health of our students, while implementing and following the many new safety protocols is of utmost importance. Working together we can ensure a safe start up and a healthy yearlong school environment. Please note that our school plan follows the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's provincial expectations and standards for the safe operation of public schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan has been created in consultation with ASD-W Health and Safety personnel. The objectives of the plan are to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 while also providing for a safe learning and working environment.

Classroom Bubbles

- Students are grouped together in a classroom bubble with a teacher and possibly an EA.
- Homeroom teachers take their own students outside for recess to supervise.
- Any other staff entering that bubble must wear a mask if they cannot physically distance 2m.
- All classroom bubbles must maintain 2m apart.

Entry for Walkers, Students Being Dropped Off and Bussers

- Walkers and drop offs must arrive between 8:00-8:15 am this year. There will be no supervision for students before 8 am and students will not be allowed in the building. Walkers and drop offs who do not arrive between 8:00- 8:15 will have to wait until 8:30 am to enter the school after all buses have been unloaded. Safety and distancing for bussers will be the focus from 8:15 to 8:30am.
- Students will be required to wear a mask in line and when entering the school.
- All walkers and drop offs must come down the paved pathway in front of the school and proceed to line up at their designated circle on the pavement. For K-2, this is at the front of the school and students will enter the school through the K-2 entrance when directed by the duty teacher. For grade 3-5, their circles are at the end of the school by the 3-5 entrance. After coming down the paved pathway, students will walk along the school by the grass to the end door and will line up at their orange circle, waiting for the duty teacher to allow them to enter. Students will be required to wear a mask in line and when entering the school. Walking down the paved pathway will ensure safety from any unforeseen accidents. There will be a teacher on duty to supervise this.
- No vehicles will be allowed to drive in the driveway for drop offs. Please stop on McNair Drive by the paved pathway to drop off students.
- Bus students will arrive between 8:15 and 8:30. Grade K-2 bus students will be dropped off in front of the school and will walk to their circles and follow the same procedures as walkers. Grade 3-5 bussers will be dropped off at the end 3-5 door and will follow the same procedures as walkers.

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Masks

- All students and staff are required to have 2 masks at school each day. It is each caregiver's responsibility to ensure their learner(s) have a mask at school.
- Masks will always be worn in hallways, washrooms and when entering and exiting the building by everyone in our NES community.
- Students will bring their masks home each day to be washed or exchanged. Having at least 2 masks for each child will allow for you to easily exchange them every other day.
- Students are asked to bring their mask in a pencil case or a Ziplock bag each day.
- Caregivers are required to be screened at the door and wear a mask when entering the building and can do so by appointment only for a meeting with the teacher or principal. Virtual and phone meetings are being encouraged this year whenever possible. Guardians will not be allowed in the building to drop off school supplies or walk their child to their classroom as in past years due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- All district personnel will be required to wear a mask during their time at NES.

Water Bottles

- Each student must bring their own water bottle this year. We only have bottle filling stations available. Spouts on fountains have been removed.
- Water bottles will be sent home each day to be washed and brought back filled the next day. Bringing a filled water bottle prevents line ups and possible congestion in the hallways as only two students may be lined up at the water filling station at any time
- Please be assured that your child will not go without water if their water bottle is forgotten at home, but we appreciate your efforts in minimizing this occurrence.

Food Service

- Breakfast program will be different this year. We will not be providing our normal breakfast menu in the cafeteria, but instead each classroom has been provided a snack bin that will serve as breakfast and snacks for hungry learners.
- Those students who have come to school with an empty stomach will be provided the fuel they need to learn. As always, we encourage students to have a healthy breakfast at home each morning.
- Please stay tuned for details on our lunch program as we finalize details. Once it has begun, lunch will be delivered to classrooms this year by the office. The program will not be available on week one of school.
- Milk will only be available for students who pre-order this in the lunch order and no longer will be available for breakfast or to purchase in the cafeteria.
- We encourage you to sign up for School Cash Online to minimize money handling at school. Lunch orders can be placed easily through this program. Follow this link to register:
<https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com/>

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Covid-19 Screening and Illness Protocols

- All staff will passively screen themselves before leaving home.
- Parents are asked to passively screen their children before leaving for school each day. This should involve asking your child the COVID 19 screening questions and checking temperatures if possible. The screening questions will be provided to all students.
- Parents who wish to pick a child up early must contact the school in advance and the student will be released to the guardian at the outside door. If a parent is required to enter the school due to an emergency, they must be screened and wear a mask.
- Should students or staff exhibit two or more of the symptoms they are asked to stay at home and caregivers should contact 811 and take direction from Public Health.
- If a staff member or guardian becomes aware that an individual is suspected of having Covid-19, they will notify the school office. The individual will be contacted to verify the information if the tip does not come from the guardian. The person in question will be required to stay home and call 811.
- A sick student will go to the sick room beside the guidance office and wear a mask if possible. The guardian will be contacted immediately and asked to collect the child within an hour as per provincial guidelines. Please ensure you have an emergency contact ready and available in the event this may happen. The emergency contact may not be Nackawic Childcare Inc.
- Students must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school unless tested positive, in which case follow directions from Public Health.
- The school will inform public health and the superintendent if a case is confirmed. Together the school community will be notified, and public health will advise the school in what steps need to be taken.

Dismissal for Walkers, Students Being Picked Up and Busses

- All walkers in K-2 will be delivered to the sidewalk at 1:50 pm. A caregiver must be present on the sidewalk to receive their child at this time. It is against the law for a child under 12 to be left alone and must have supervision. The school will not be releasing students without a guardian to pick them up.
- K-2 students will load buses at 2:40. Grade 3-5 students will load busses at 2:50 and 3-5 walkers and pick-ups will stay with their teacher and be dismissed to the paved pathway when the teacher walks by during bus dismissal.
- All guardians of walkers and pickups must wait on the sidewalk on McNair Dr. or in their vehicles. Waiting is not permitted in front of the school due to busses loading.

Washroom Protocols

- All students must wear a mask to the washroom.
- Only two students may be in the washroom at a time.
- Students will have a classroom washroom tag to hang on the hook outside the washroom. If there are already 2 tags on the hooks the student will wait on one of the physical distancing circles on the floor.
- The stalls will be labelled by class to limit sharing a stall where possible.

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- Students must wash their hands and then sanitize their hands and the tag on return to the classroom.

Cleaning

- All entrances and classrooms will have sanitizer stations on entry.
- Extra cleaning and disinfecting will take place according to the protocols set out in the Return to School document. Extra custodial hours have been given to our school for this purpose.
- The library and lab will be disinfected between classes. Gym students will not use the same equipment as other classes that day unless there are enough materials for multiple class sets or it can be disinfected in between use.
- Handwashing posters have been placed in each washroom and at each sink to instruct students on proper procedures. Teachers will review and monitor handwashing/sanitizing procedures with students.

Recess

- Only 3 to 4 classes at a time will be outside at 2nd recess at once and will all stay in their bubble on a designated area of the playground. They will be on a schedule to rotate each week to a new spot.
- Students on the pavement and field section of the playground will be provided a bin of items to play with that will only be for their class for the week and will be sanitized before rotating it to the next class.
- Students will not interact with kids from other classes.
- There will be four staggered lunch times to accommodate this new schedule.
- First recess will be inside in their classroom.
- K-2 will have SDL at dismissal time.. We call this self-directed learning time so they can play and learn freely with items provided in their classrooms.
- After students get outside, they will give their mask in their pencil case to their teacher to house in a sling bag while outside and will collect it when the bell rings to return inside.

Lost and Found

- There will not be a display of Lost and Found this year.
- Please label all personal items so they can easily be returned to the owner.
- We will hang on to missing items for awhile and parents can contact the school to inquire about missing items. After an item has been unclaimed for a month it will be donated to the Food Bank.

Bus Routes

- Students are allowed one pick-up and drop-off location for the 2020-21 school year. Students who have parents not living together may have two drop off locations.
- This plan must stay consistent throughout the year.
- Should the pick-up or drop-off location need to change, we require 5 school days' notice.
- We ask that if you require a pick-up or drop-off location other than your residence, please email asdw.ptms@nbed.nb.ca or call 1-506-325-4582