



Kildonan-East Collegiate

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Dear KEC Families

With the start of a new school year, we are looking forward to welcoming our new and returning students to Kildonan-East Collegiate. We understand that you and your child may have questions pertaining to the changes necessary to ensure the safety of all students and staff. We hope that this communication provides the answers to those questions.

On July 30, 2020 Manitoba Education announced the plans for reopening schools in Manitoba: https://www.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-stage-2.pdf This plan reflects the importance of safety, health and wellbeing while ensuring reasonable plans are in place to minimize the risk of transmission and exposure to the virus in schools.

COHORTS AND STUDENT MOVEMENT PLANS

The movement of students and staff within the school will be minimized as it is critical to maintain physical distancing as much as possible. All students will be assigned a cohort and designated a classroom. To minimize the risk of transmission, students are expected to remain in their assigned classroom for most of their subjects. In addition, all cohorts will be assigned a designated door through which they will enter and exit the school. Please check the KEC website before the first day for further instruction around which door to use. Staff members will be outside on the first couple of days to guide students. Students may come to school 10 minutes prior to the start of their class or classes and must report directly to their designated classroom. There will be no congregation of students in the hallways.

Because the school day will be somewhat abbreviated, students will not have a designated lunch hour. Nutrition breaks will be offered throughout the days that students are in the building. During this school year, we will have no cafeteria services, nor will students have access to microwaves. Lunches and snacks that are brought to school should be “ready to eat” and sharing of food will not be permitted.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Province of Manitoba announced that all students from grades 4-12 will be required to wear a non-medical mask while at school. Students will be required to carry their belongings as schools will not be assigning lockers for this school year. When a student has physical education on their timetable, they will need to come prepared to participate. Change rooms will not be available. Students also need to come prepared to participate in physical education outdoors when weather permits.

Students are asked to adhere to the directional signage that will be visible in the school, and to sanitize their hands upon entry into the building.



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Everyone entering an RETSD facility must monitor for symptoms and exposure. Students must stay home if sick or exhibiting symptoms. Students who exhibit symptoms at school will be immediately isolated and parents/guardians will be required to pick them up. All extracurricular activities have been suspended until further notice.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will reflect a combination of in class and remote learning. Kildonan-East Collegiate has developed the following:

Students will physically attend school every other day. On Day 1, half of our student population, across all grades, will learn at school while all other students learn remotely. The reverse will apply on Day 2. On some days, a blend of both at school and remote learning may be required. KEC is moving from a 5 to a 6 period school day. Students will enter the building in planned stages in order to reduce person-to-person contact and will spend varying amounts of time at the school.

Generally, students will attend during the times listed below, but some class groups will be scheduled with exceptions. Student schedules will be available on the parent and student portals in the coming days. Please view schedules in advance, as this will give the clearest direction about when students are in the building and what room number they should report to.

Grade 9's Period 1-4 8:30 – 12:55
Grade 10's Period 2-5 9:37 – 2:03
Grade 11's Period 4-6 11:52 – 3:10
Grade 12's Period 5-6 1:00 – 3:10

Given that we will be using the Day 1/2 cycle, the parent and student portals will also instruct you as to which days of the week are Day 1 and which days are Day 2, so that students will be able to determine which days they are to be learning at school.

When it comes to remote learning, students are expected to engage and participate. Teachers will be available to teach and support students during specified times. Continuous assessment will occur throughout the semester whether classes are in school or remote.

Due to schools being required to assign cohorts, there will be no timetable changes for this school year. Timetables will be available shortly for students on the portal.

STUDENT FEES

KEC will be collecting a non-refundable student fee of \$35.00 per student this year to be put toward a yearbook and other expenses related to teaching and learning. The fee is payable to Kildonan-East Collegiate and will be collected by one of your child's teachers on the first day of in-school learning. Please consider making contactless payment ahead of time through the parent portal.



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STUDENT PARKING

Student parking is available only in the student parking lot at the east side of the building. Students wishing to park in this area must register their car with an office secretary. A student parking fee is charged per semester (September to January – Semester 1 and February to June – Semester 2) and is non-refundable. The parking fee will be reduced this school year to reflect the reduced number of days students are required to come to the school building. The City of Winnipeg Parking Authority may ticket vehicles without valid parking passes. Students are not permitted to park in the staff lot or the visitor parking lot at the front of the school, or in the angled parking spaces in the student parking lot. Please email wmorrow@retsd.mb.ca to set up an appointment for your parking spot.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

BYOD is a divisional technology initiative whereby teachers are actively pursuing and refining ways to integrate student supplied technologies into the curricula they teach. Each student is encouraged to bring their own device to school to use in their learning environments.

Please refer to the River East Transcona School Division prepared document “Welcoming Students Back, 2020-21 Parent and Community

Information” <https://www.retsd.mb.ca/Lists/Publications/RETSD%202020-21%20Welcoming%20Students%20Back.pdf> for a concise divisional plan. This document is available on the River East Transcona School Division Website and our school website.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our students on September 8, 2020. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and patience as we, together, adapt to learning safely amidst the pandemic. A more detailed school plan outlining specifics such as School Preparedness, School Routines, Teaching, Learning & Well Being and Communication will be shared with all families soon.

We are committed to a safe return to school for all our students and staff. As this is a changing landscape with the pandemic, please refer to the divisional website for continued updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

Take Care and Stay Well,

Kildonan-East Collegiate Administration