

Yarrow Covid-19 Health and Safety Protocols for Parents and Students

These protocols have been put in place for the re-opening of schools as of Monday, June 1st. As you have already been informed, we will be inviting students to return to full-day classes two days per week, with an additional remote learning day on Fridays. Your classroom teacher should have already informed you if your child is to attend on Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday. Our primary objective is to help students and staff regain a sense of normalcy about school, and there will be a focus on social/emotional and connecting with others in a safe manner. Each parent needs to make a personal decision about sending their children to school. We trust that every parent will use sound judgment ensuring that safety measures for everyone can be followed.

The hours of school remain the same as before, 8:00am-1:53pm, and bussing will be running as they were before.

Child Entry to School

In order to reduce congestion, please note the following:

- Please do not come early to play or socialize as children do not need to be on site before 8:00 am, unless they are a bus student, and we will not be marking children late if they come a bit later.
- Each class will have a designated line-up spot outside and the classroom teacher will escort the class inside when the way is clear. Students will be picked up from the same location after school. Downstairs primary classes on the west side will meet in the fenced off play area. Upstairs classrooms will meet in the hockey court area and the downstairs east side outside of the classrooms.
- Parents who are dropping off their children should not gather in such a way that walkways are blocked. Do not gather on walkways, as this will make social distancing difficult or impossible.
- Please do not plan to stay and play or visit after school. We would like children to go straight home.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to remain outside the building; please phone the office if you need to enter.

By sending your child to school each day, you are confirming that you have screened your child and your child does NOT show the following symptoms:

- Coughing
 - Sneezing
 - Fever (> 37.5 °C)
 - Congestion
 - Headache
 - Feeling unwell/fatigue
 - Chills
 - Nausea/vomiting
 - Sore throat
 - Diarrhea
 - Aches and pains
 - Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- If anyone in your household has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or outbreak must stay home and self-isolate, including children of essential services workers that are ill.

- We will NOT be asking students to change their shoes at this time.
- Backpacks and Jackets should be kept at the child's desk space and not the cloak room
- ALL DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AFTER THE BELL

Classroom

All students will be asked to wash their hands upon arrival, and they will be asked to wash their hands **often** throughout the day for a minimum of 20 seconds. Students will also be expected cough and sneeze appropriately, covering their mouth with an elbow. No hugging, touching one another or shaking hands. We will remind students not to touch their face.

Students when in the classroom will have to stay in their designated space. They will have their own tool kits and book bags that they only touch for the day. There will be no sharing object. All surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of the day. Classrooms have been decluttered to avoid having to clean touch surfaces.

We are encouraging teachers to take their class outdoors as much as possible. Please dress for the weather; hats, sunscreen, rain jackets and layers are always good at this time of the year.

Student washroom use

- One student at a time in the washroom. Downstairs classrooms with washrooms will be open for students
- Downstairs classrooms will use the hallway washrooms- one stall and one sink will be open
- Upstairs will use the hallway washrooms with one sink and stall open
- A student will need to wait on the designated spot if the washroom is occupied.
- Paper towels will also be used in the washroom and drier will be closed
- Proper handwashing signs placed on mirrors for reminders.
- Washrooms will be cleaned at least twice during the day

Water Fountains

All fountains are out of order at this time. Students have access to the bottle filler so please bring a water bottle to school that is labeled correctly.

LUNCHES

Please send easy to open packages as we want students to be able to open their own packages and not share any food. Students will not have access to warming any food.

First Aid

- The first aid room is open, if someone needs access to it, please report to Mrs. Mercer at her window

COVID Room

- If someone displays symptoms of COVID-19 they will be quarantined in the Community Wing, room 114 until they can be picked up by an adult.

Gym Use

- The gym will be open, but we encourage outside play as much as possible
- Mrs. Parker will place appropriate equipment out for use. Please place in the USED section after use so that it can be appropriately cleaned

Library Closed

- The Library will not be in service however Mrs. Falk will travel around and advertise all the great reading that can be done
- All library books need to be returned; she has placed a box outside for those not returning to school but still have library books to drop off

Playground

- The play structure will be open, we will have students wash their hands before and after outside play times.
- The hockey courts will be closed
- The GaGa pit is also closed
- We will teach hands off and ask parents to please make this clear to their children.
- We will try to organize social distance games at recess and lunch as much as possible.
- Food will not be allowed outside until further notice.
- Please do not bring ANY sports equipment, toys or gadgets to school.
- The playground will be closed during school hours for those children that are NOT in attendance. Please do not send your children to the playground to play if they are not registered for that day of school.

Supplies

If you decide not to send your child to school an invitation to pick up your supplies will be sent out by your child's teacher

Daycare

Priority For 5 Day Childcare Placements

Due to limited space and staffing, as well as the need to meet health and safety guidelines for Covid-19 for students and staff, we will be prioritizing placements for our in-school childcare in the following way:

Tier 1 (Highest Priority): School-aged Yarrow students whose parents are employed in Health and Health Services, Law Enforcement, First Responders, Emergency Response, Teachers and other SD33 Staff

Tier 2 (Second Priority): School-aged Yarrow students with identified Special Needs; and, school-aged students who are deemed vulnerable due to factors out with their control (e.g. social-emotional, socio-economic, others)

Tier 3 (Third Priority): School-aged Yarrow students whose parents are employed in all other occupations *not included in Tier 1* that are listed in the Essential Services Workers List ([LINK](#))

Tier 4 (Fourth Priority): School-aged Yarrow students whose parents work in all other occupations (anything not listed in the Essential Services Workers List)

Please note that we will be supporting Tier 1 starting June 1th. We will add in additional Tiers (on a full or part time basis) as we determine space availability after June 3rd.

Sally will be starting her age 3-5 preschool on June 1 and also opening after school care in her regular spaces.