

**Health and Safety Information for Parents
Giscome Elementary**

School Schedule:

7:45 a.m.	Supervision begins
8:00 a.m.	Intermediates enter the building
8:05 a.m.	Primaries enter the building
8:10 a.m.	Instruction begins
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Lunch (eating) (lunch is first to allow cleaning protocols to be followed)
11:45 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch (outside)
1:52 p.m.	School dismissal bell. Students proceed to pick up zone, buses or home immediately. Students may not linger on school property.

Parents:

- Assess your child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID 19 or other infections respiratory diseases before sending them to school.
- If your child has answered yes to any of the symptoms, he or she must stay home, and please consult a physician or call 811 – call the school if they will be away.
- Please refer to the Ministry of Health Assessment Tool to help you complete your assessment.
- Continue to discuss and practice **regular and proper hand-washing**.
- Continue to discuss and practice **cough or sneeze** into the elbow.
- discuss **no sharing of food at school** – students must eat at their own desk, in their own space .
- Continue to discuss and practice **respecting personal bubble space** and **hands to self**. The safest way to prevent transmission of COVID 19 is physical distancing,
- Continue to discuss why and when **masks** are worn and proper mask wearing etiquette– we need to respect this new social practice. While the students are not actually required in K-7 schools to wear masks, many will choose to wear them. Adults will at times be required to wear them when physical distancing is not able to be consistently maintained outside of learning groups.

Transportation and Buses

- Students will leave their bus and go directly to their entrance door in the morning.
- Students will exit the building via their assigned door and go directly to their bus in the afternoon.
- Buses will be loaded from back to front.
- All buses will have a designated seating plan.
- No courtesy riders will be allowed.
- Buses have strict cleaning protocols that will be maintained.

Parents/Guests in the School

- If a member of the public is required to enter the school (by appointment only), the person shall practice diligent hand hygiene and maintain physical distance when they are in the school.
- All visitors and non-site staff must self-assess their health prior to entering the building.
- All visitors and non-site staff must sign in with date, names and contact information.

The Protocol for Ill Students On Site:

- The student will immediately be directed to the health room.
- The parent will be contacted immediately to come pick up the child.
- Please make sure your contact information is up to date.
- Note: The school does not provide notification to staff or students' families if a staff member or student becomes ill at home or school, including if they display symptoms of COVID-19 unless directed by public health. Public health directs the process for contact tracing if needed.

Handwashing and Physical Distancing

- Students will wash hands thoroughly:
 - o immediately upon entering the classroom in the morning
 - o before lunch
 - o after lunch recess
 - o any other time as determined by the classroom teachers

Learning Groups (Typically two divisions; maximum of 60 people)

- Giscome School is under 60 people, so the entire school constitutes one learning groups.

Learning Groups cont ...

- Physical distancing is not required within a learning group.
- Masks/face shields are not required, but students/staff can choose to wear them.
- Students will engage in outdoor learning activities more than usual.
- Teachers will adapt group activities to minimize physical contact and reduce shared items.
- All unnecessary furniture was removed from learning spaces.
- Staff reduced items in the classroom that are difficult to clean (i.e. fabric items or soft items).
- Students will not be able to share food or beverages.
- Itinerant staff working with multiple learning groups i.e. Indigenous Education Worker, School Psychologist, School Principal etc. will wear non-medical masks when unable to consistently maintain a 2 meter distance from other members of a learning group.
- **Teachers will establish health and safety routines in their classroom that may vary based on the age and activities of the students.**

School Supplies and Personal Belongings

- Individual teachers will review what supplies are needed in each class – toys and gadgets please leave at home.
- All items should be brought in a backpack with everything labelled.
- Student supplies will be kept to a more minimal amount than usual.
- Students will need to have their own personal water bottle – please label. We have extras if a student needs one.

Morning Recess

- Morning recess has moved into instructional time.
- Teachers will incorporate activity into their daily routine.

Student Learning Plans (Transition to School/Immuno Compromised)

- We are working on these plans. Please stay tuned. We will be in touch with you next week regarding the look of these plans.

Custodial and Cleaning

- An extra four hours of custodial time was added to allow us to follow the stringent cleaning requirements outlined in our Stage Two Restart Plan.
- General cleaning and disinfection will occur at least once a day.
- Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected at least twice a day (door knobs, light switches, toilet handles, tables, desks, chairs, keyboards, shared learning items, manipulatives, shared PE equipment and toys)
- Washrooms will be cleaned at least twice per day.