

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

Welcome back to what will be a different year at Chief Whitecap School. While different in terms of procedures and practices that will enhance safety, the things that will remain the same are the staff team's commitment to providing quality education to our entire collection of young people. Our goal in these unique times has been to put safety at the front while still maintaining quality opportunities to learn.

The Parent Handbook

<https://www.spsd.sk.ca/division/reportsandpublications/Documents/Parent%20and%20Caregiver%20Reopening%20Handbook.pdf> – **is updated often**. It was written for parents by our division staff based on all the guidelines and procedures stated by the Ministry of Health and the Education Ministry.



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The CWS opening plan – was released last Wednesday and contains specific information regarding our schools plans to implement safe procedures based on what has been stated in the Parent Handbook /Ministry Guidelines. Please read both documents carefully.

Sick children- More important than ever is to keep students at home who are sick. Have a plan, **in the event that, students must stay home**. Our parent handbook and CWS plan both highlight what symptoms would be flagged by staff to have a student return to home.

Current contact information – please update the office (306 683 7640) with any changes to your contact information. We need to be able to reach you in a timely fashion if your child is ill.

Class Assignments – teachers will begin phoning parents Thursday and continue Friday to tell them what class they will be in to start the year. Class placements may change throughout the year if students choose to return from online learning or choose to attend online learning. All parents are requested to commit to the year if possible.

Parents/visitors shall not enter the school unless invited in or by appointment. Please call or email your teacher with a question. We are simply trying to limit contact to the wider group. This is a tough one for us as staff. We want to maintain our strong relationship with all of you but will strive to do that virtually (phone, email, zoom, skype).

Traffic- Please plan to pick up/drop off students away from the building. The “leyby” will be for parents of students in K-3. We have a huge park at the back of our school and several residential streets to park so that congestion at pick up and drop off can be minimized. You can really help by parking a block or two away and walking to the school, then meeting your kids at a designated spot away from the school (ball diamond, spray park, city playground etc)

Many of you have taken advantage of our assigned “open houses” to visit and perhaps ease some nerves or tension about returning to school. It will be a different experience but one I know will be rewarding and meaningful for all our students. We wish you continued good health, continued support and well wishes as we all embark on a new journey in education. Our staff team has been working very hard to walk through supports/safety procedures for students. There may be a bump in the road along the way but together we will get there.

The School Division has created a video highlighting the safety precautions students can expect when they return to school. It is available on our division YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aigs6DiHB70&feature=youtu.be> We will also be sharing it on our social media accounts today and during the weekend.

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