



YK1 SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLANS

N.J. MACPHERSON SCHOOL

Though every effort will be made to make the return to school as smooth as possible, the 2020-2021 school year will not be a return to “normal” and school will look different than in previous years. Our return to school plan is based on the need to meet public health requirements.

We will be providing full-day in-person instruction for all classes:

- Classes will act as bubbles (all students will remain with their classmates the entire day and won't have to practice physical distancing within their bubble). There will be no mixing of classes while indoors
- Students will not be required to wear face masks within their classes but may be required to at other times, including in the hallways and on the bus
- Specialty classes (French, art, etc.) will take place in the classroom with specialty teachers moving from class to class. Physical education will take place in the gym or outside with students participating in non-contact sports and activities
- We will have staggered recesses with approximately half of the student body going outside at a time

Visitors to the school will be restricted:

- Grades 1 to 5 parents will only be given access to the school in exceptional circumstances
- JK and K parents are welcome to enter the school to drop-off and pick-up their children at specific times, however 1-5 parents will need to remain outdoors and meet their children outside
- JK and K parents may drop off their child(ren) at their classroom provided they wear a face mask, enter at the main entrance and exit using the designated exit nearest the classroom

We will be using a staggered drop-off and pick-up:

- JK drop-off will take place between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. and pick-up will be between 2:55 and 3:05 p.m.
- K drop-off will take place between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. and pick-up will be between 3:05 and 3:15 p.m.
- Bus students will be dropped off between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. and non-bus students will be dropped off between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m.

Staggered drop-offs and pick-ups continued:

- All Grades 1 to 5 students will play on the playground until 8:30 a.m. (as usual) and then line up as a class in designated locations. Staff members in vests will signal where students should line up and will lead them into the school to control the flow of students
- Bus students will leave class at 3:15 p.m. Non-bus students will leave class at 3:25 p.m.
- Parents picking up Grades 1 to 5 students are asked to wait until 3:20 p.m. to arrive at the school in order to give JK/K families time and space to leave the school
- Students registered in the after school program will remain in their class until all other students have left the class and then move to the program

Additional health and safety measures:

- Increased cleaning protocols will be implemented, including teaching older students how to safely disinfect their own personal spaces
- Increased handwashing and sanitization will be taught and emphasized throughout the school, including the use of specific signage
- All students will need to bring their own water bottle to school and take it home daily to be washed. There will be no sharing of food, supplies, etc. between students. Please label your child's supplies.
- Parents will be asked to send a couple of extra labelled zip-loc style bags for storage
- Parents are asked to keep their children home when they are sick. A screening tool will be provided to parents to ensure that if students have any potential symptoms of COVID-19, they will be kept home.



First Day of School: August 31 • **Office Reopens:** August 17
[Calendar](#) • [School Supply List](#) • [YK1 COVID-19 Information](#)



N.J. Macpherson School

525 Range Lake Road • Phone: (867) 873-4372 • Fax: (867) 873-4638

www.njm.yk1.nt.ca • njm@yk1.nt.ca

Principal: Landon Kowalzik, landon.kowalzik@yk1.nt.ca