



# VIRDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

*HOME OF THE SAINTS*



August 27, 2020

To: Grades 5-8 Parents and Students  
Re: 2020-21 School Reopening plan

As we progress through the COVID-19 pandemic and the upcoming school year, Virde Junior High will continue to follow Manitoba Education, Public Health, and Fort La Bosse directives. Latest information from the province and division can be found on our website [www.vjh.flbsd.ca](http://www.vjh.flbsd.ca)

VJH will adhere to the guidelines set out by government officials and will also have some school specific considerations that will be outlined in this letter. All of these documents and considerations are fluid and will be subject to change at any time throughout the year as we progress through this pandemic.

## **VJH Return to School Response Level 1**

**In class learning resumes for all; near normal with public health measures.**

**The school day will be as follows:**

- Everyone must self-screen every day. Parents must screen their children daily. Stay home if displaying any symptoms! A self-screening tool can be found at: <https://www.sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Doors will open at 8:45 am.
- All personnel should sanitize hands when they enter the school.
- Staff will be in the halls at 8:45am to greet students. Students are to go directly to their homeroom and sanitize upon entry. NO loitering in the halls before classes start.
- **Students and Staff are to wear masks at all times in the school**, including entering the school. Exceptions are outdoor recess, physical education, and classes that take place outside; these will be the only mask breaks. This is because 2m spacing cannot be maintained in classrooms.
- All visitors (non- staff or non- student) **MUST** sign in at the office.
- Doors: Grade 5- Backdoor, Grade 6-Library door, Grade 7- Office doors, Grade 8 Front doors.
- All Bus students will use the Grade 8 Front Doors to enter the School as they disembark their bus.
- Hallways and stairs will be set up like roads, stay to the right.
- Water spigots will be shut off. Water bottle fill only.
- Morning exercises will start at 9am. Once announcements are done, each floor level will have an assigned hand washing time.
- Classes will start according to the regular schedule.
- All grades will have grade level cohorts. This however could change.
- Any visitors to cohorts must be recorded for contact tracing.

- Teachers will move to class rather than students. Exceptions would be Dakota Lang. Art, Band, Drama, Library, Physical Education. Teachers must lead classes to their appropriate classrooms. NO STUDENTS will be unsupervised and wondering the halls. EA's will need to help support this. Proper traffic flow and distancing must be maintained.
- Enrichment classes will not be offered this year. That time will be used for homeroom Numeracy or Literacy support.
- Band classes will take place in the Gym to ensure 2m. Spacing will adhere to guidelines for vocalists and instrumentalists. PE. Classes will be outside. (If the weather permits). **We will be sharing the Gym between P.E. and Band.** Art will take place in the band room and the Art room. Drama classes will take place in class with overflow in an available empty classroom.
- Staggered Recess times: 10:20-10:30 gr. 5(back), gr.7 (front) 10:35-10:45 gr. 6 (back), gr. 8 (front)
- Homeroom teachers will line up their classroom and class by class lead their class to the correct grade door for exit.
- Homeroom teachers will supervise classes entering the building. One class at a time per grade at the correct grade door.
- Hand sanitizing will take place after recess re-entry.
- Lunch starts at Noon. **All non-bus students are strongly encouraged to go home for the entire lunch hour.** Parent's cooperation would be appreciated.
- Town students will have a staggered dismissal, 5+7's first then the 6+8's. Students must exit according to their grade level doors.
- Handwashing before Lunch will take place. See schedule.
- Lunch will be staggered. Grades 5+7 will eat in their homerooms from 12-12:25 then exit out their assigned doors for recess. At this same time, grades 6+8 will be outside. At the 12:25 bell, 6+8's will enter the building through their assigned doors with EA supervision to have lunch in their homerooms. Grade 5+7 homeroom teachers will supervise the entry of 5+7's as well as town students at 12:50. Students will sanitize as they enter their classrooms.
- **Microwaves will not be available.**
- Students will each lunch in their homerooms in their desks.
- After afternoon announcements, hand washing will occur according to the schedule.
- Afternoon recess will occur as in the morning.
- Hand sanitizing will occur after recess re-entry.
- At the end of the day, bus students will be dismissed first according to their bus number. Students will exit through the front doors. EA's will supervise dismissal so that distancing is adhered to.
- The Town students will then be dismissed 5+7's then the 6+8's all exiting through their assigned door. Homeroom teachers will walk their class out.
- VJH will run as close to the planned timetable for the 2020-2021 school year.
- VJH will follow Fort La Bosse Re-opening Plan document.
- Cooperation, Understanding and Kindness will be important for this up coming school year as we proceed through these challenging times.

These measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of the students and staff of VJH. These measures may change as Public Health recommendations are brought forth. We will work towards being prepared to change response levels and will do our very best to continue to support families at students

We ask that parents discuss these measures with your children to help them feel comfortable and ready to begin the school year.

-VJH Staff