

INTRODUCTION: MOVING TO THE RESTRICTED LEVEL (ORANGE)

The purpose of this document is to communicate an overview on Mitchell Elementary School plans as we move to the Restricted Level (Orange) in Manitoba's Pandemic Response System. Our first and foremost priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our students and staff. This document may evolve as we receive further guidance and directions from Public Health and Manitoba Education.

We are committed to continuous and transparent communication with our parents/guardians as we believe information is critical in order to address any challenges and obstacles that may arise in this new learning climate. We continue to be confident that we have developed systems and structures to ensure students and staff stay as safe as possible with learning and social/emotional health being the main focus. MES feels the best place for kids is to be at school but we understand that personal circumstances may require students to learn remotely.

The Restricted Level in the community of Mitchell began on November 2, 2020 and will be in place for a minimum of two weeks (until November 16, 2020). The Restricted Level school plan begins in the Hanover School Division and Mitchell Elementary School on November 12, 2020. MES is planning for the Restricted Level in two week blocks as follows:

- Block 1 – Nov. 3 to Nov. 16
- Block 2 (tentative) – Nov. 17 to Nov. 30
- Block 3 (tentative) – Dec. 1 to Dec. 14

Public Health will determine if the Restricted Level is extended or if MES will return to the Caution Level (Yellow) in the Pandemic Response System. MES started the school year in the Caution Level (Yellow).

The Restricted Level allows families to opt for an In School learning experience or a Remote Learning experience for their child(ren).

Parents/Guardians have the option to move their child to the other learning experience, if necessary. Parents are asked to speak to Mr. Thiessen to discuss the option and timing of this kind of change. MES asks that families commit to their choice in at least two week blocks.

IN SCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE INFORMATION AND PLANS

- The regular school day ‘[bell schedule](#)’ will be followed.
- Entrance, recess, lunch, dismissal plans would remain intact as they have been since the start of the school year. View those plans [here](#).
- Homerooms or students may be moved to alternate teaching spaces so students can stay a minimum of two metres apart at all times. These are the classrooms that are affected by the changes:

Grade Level	Teachers	Our Plan
Kindergarten/ Grade 1	Mrs. Lange (KL) & Mrs. Lewis (1L)	The students in KL and 1L will spend time in both their classroom and the Resource Suite across the hall throughout the morning with the teachers.
Grade 1	Ms. Machel (1M)	Small groups of students will rotate out of the classroom to a workspace throughout the day. There will be teacher and EA supervision.
Grade 2	Mrs. Swiderski & Mrs. Penner (2SP)	Small groups of students will rotate out of the classroom to a workspace throughout the day. There will be teacher and EA supervision.
Grade 2	Ms. Smith (2TS)	A small group of students will rotate out of their classroom. They will work in a different classroom within their cohort.
Grade 3	All Classes (3B, 3E, 3K, 3W)	Each class will be divided into small groups. Those students will come together on their assigned day and work in the music room with Ms. Banman (Itinerant Teacher)
Grade 4	Mrs. Head (4H)	Small groups of students will rotate out of the classroom to a workspace throughout the day. There will be teacher and EA supervision.
Grade 4	Mr. Durksen (4GD)	A small group of students will rotate out of their classroom. They will work in a different classroom within their cohort. There will be teacher and EA supervision.

REMOTE SCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE INFORMATION AND PLANS

- Students will follow the schedule determined by their teachers. Learning Support teachers will be involved in the day to day instruction of remote learners.
- The remote learning school day will have much more structure to it compared to what was experienced in the Spring of 2020.
- Students will be required to participate daily in learning and assessment with minimum standards, as follows:
- Online instruction with either homeroom teacher or learning support teacher.
- Independent work: Student assignments will reflect the learning outcomes of the Manitoba Curriculum. Assignments will be differentiated to meet the learning needs of students. Independent work can include reading, viewing and responding to pre-recorded videos, and engaging in project-based learning.
- Parent/caregiver involvement and support will be required and will vary depending on the age of the student and the student's ability to work independently. This learning approach relies on the parent/caregiver to monitor engagement and completion of required independent work.
- Please be aware that there may be a camera in your child's classroom to live stream lessons periodically throughout the day. To the extent possible, only the teacher will be visible in the live feed. Every effort will be made to protect your child's privacy. The live stream will not be recorded or archived, and access to the live feed will require a student login through the HSD network (Google Meet).
- More information will be provided to remote learning students when they connect with their teachers next week.

Our goal is to maintain a daily connection with all students who have chosen the remote learning option.

We hope that this document has helped to address some of the questions you may have about the MES move to the Restricted Level (Orange). Please feel free to contact the school if you have further questions at 204-326-6622.

Report Card Dates

Due to the changes needed for restricted level orange, report cards for grades 1-4 will be moved to November 25th on Parent Portal.

Virtual Parent Teacher meetings will occur the following week from November 30-December 4th.

Scheduling Change

Just a reminder that there will be no classes for students on Tuesday November 10th as sent out earlier by Hanover School Division.