



STONYBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL RESTRICTED LEVEL SCHOOL PLAN NOVEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION: MOVING TO THE RESTRICTED LEVEL (ORANGE)

The purpose of this document is to communicate an overview of Stonybrook Middle School's 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. Details for the Pandemic Response System Levels for K–12 Schools from the Province of Manitoba can be found [here](#).

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. SMS 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 Steinbach 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 Stonybrook Middle School on **November 12, 2020**. It is assumed, at this point, the Restricted Level (Orange) will be extended a minimum of an additional two weeks. If this is the case, the Restricted Level will be in place until at least November 30, 2020.

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 the administration to discuss the option and timing of this kind of change. **SMS asks that families commit to their choice in at least two week blocks.**

At this time the blocks are 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

IN SCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE INFORMATION AND PLANS

- The regular school day schedule will be followed.
- Entrance, recess, lunch, dismissal plans would remain intact as they have been since the start of the school year.
- Homerooms will remain in their current teaching spaces to the greatest extent possible in order to ensure that a minimum of two metres is maintained. Homeroom teachers will contact families by the end of the week IF any changes to homerooms are made.
- The following courses will be focused on daily: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music (grade 5 & 6)
- Students will follow the same schedule everyday.
- Masks are still required while indoors.
- **Grade 5 and 6 students attend school every day**
- **Grade 7 and 8 students come every other day.** SMS can be flexible in certain situations to make sure siblings are at home on the same days or not depending on the needs of individual families.
- The students of SMS will follow the same alternate day plan as the SRSS to ensure that siblings are home the same day. However, we also understand that this may not work for your family and we want to accommodate that the best we can within the parameters of keeping our numbers balanced for both days.

■ **Edit on Friday afternoon, Nov 6**

- **In order to ensure that all Steinbach schools are on the same school calendar, the school calendars have been adjusted by all Steinbach schools as follows:**
- **Tuesday, Nov 10 will be Day 0**
- **Thursday Nov 12 will be Day 1**
- All Gr 7 and 8 students with last names A-K will attend on Days 1/3/5. Their first day will be **Thursday Nov. 12.**
- All Gr 7 and 8 students with last names L-Z will attend on Day 2/4/6. Their first day will be **Friday Nov. 13**

The schedule for both those days will be the same. If this plan will not work for you, please complete the attached [form](#). The form will be available until 4:00 Friday, November 6th.

- Grade 7 and 8 students will work on material from the previous day to stay engaged in their learning.
- Grade 7 and 8 students are coming every other day to make space in the classroom to ensure distance can be maintained. If a child is 11 years old an accommodation can be made to have that child attend school everyday until their twelfth birthday. Please contact our office if this applies to your child.

REMOTE SCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE INFORMATION AND PLANS

- Students will follow the schedule determined by their teachers and will be shared with parents by November 10th at 4:00.

- Students will be required to participate daily in learning and assessment with minimum standards, as follows:
 - **Real-time online instruction** will be coordinated by the teacher for all students registered in the class. Students must be available for their real-time learning times as determined by their teacher.
 - Grades 5-8: Seven to eight hours of instruction per week
 - *Please note that all students will remain connected with their current core subject area teachers*
 - All standards for remote learning can be found [here](#)
 - **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. Some parent/caregiver support may be required. Students will be expected to participate for the following minimum amounts of time (independent work):
 - Grades 5-8: three hours per day
 - **Parent/Caregiver Involvement**
 - 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.
- Students are **required** to check in daily for Attendance using the [Self Check in Form](#). Attendance will be monitored as per Provincial requirements. This form also allows students to communicate needs to school administration.
- All school work will be provided online using Google Classroom, Google Meet, Google Chat, See Saw or some other online format the teacher uses to engage students.
- School divisions are responsible for ensuring that technology is accessible to all students or that an alternate plan is in place. If technology is required to fully engage in the Remote Learning Option please complete [this](#) form.
- The SMS goal is to maintain a daily connection with all students who have chosen the remote learning option.
- Homeroom teachers will be the main contact for students learning remotely.
- Students that would like to remain connected to the guidance counselors while participating in remote learning can contact them [here](#).

We hope that this document has helped to address some of the questions you may have about the SMS move to the Restricted Level. Please feel free to contact the school if you have further questions at 204-326-6481.

We would like to express our deepest thanks for your support and encouragement over these last few months. These are not easy plans to make but we trust that you know our priority is to ensure that the health and wellness of our kids continues to be at the centre of every decision

we make. We will always follow the mandates and protocols as determined by Public Health, Provincial Government and the Hanover School Division.

Please keep in touch as you need.

Sincerely,

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