



GONZAGA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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COVID-19 Response Planning – 2020 UPDATE 1:

GMS School Plan Change – Restricted (Orange) – Effective Monday

Dear Gonzaga Middle School Families,

Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education have raised the COVID-19 Response Level in schools to Restricted (Orange) effective Monday October 26, 2020. In response, we will adjust some of our spaces and protocols at the school **but we can continue with face-to-face learning as we have from the beginning of the year.** This remains the best way we can continue to support student learning progress and it is vital that students attend if they are well. At Gonzaga Middle School we remain committed to providing our students with excellent learning opportunities and to supporting our students learning and development and our families' well being as much as we possibly can.

The following changes will occur or have taken place:

- The Grade 8 classroom, taking place in the larger multi-purpose room, will have some furniture moved out of the room in order to maximize spacing between desks. The Grade 7 and Grade 6 classrooms will remain as they are with some furniture removed to maximize space.
- Literacy and Math groups will continue with locations changed as needed to ensure maximum distancing. Music class will continue to take place in two rooms.
- Gym will take place outside weather permitting – please make sure students are sent with warm clothes, boots, hats and mitts. When gym takes place indoors the whole gym space will be used with special gym facemasks being worn.
- We have added another table group to maximize spacing during breakfast and lunch.
- If a student has to stay home for an extended period of time we will support learning from home through delivery/pick up of work and through on-line video links to classroom.

There are no changes required to our busing protocols.

Contacting the school or requesting support

We want to be able to help students and families that need support, especially during this difficult time. If you have any questions or would like to request support please call the school at the main number 204-949-7100 or email us or by contacting me, Ms Andrew, Mrs. Mitchell or Ms Faulkner directly.

Please remember that regular attendance is the best way for students to make learning progress. However, in the current situation, it is vitally important that students who are not well or showing any symptoms stay home.

Thank you for your continuing trust in GMS during this time of challenge and change. Our students will continue to make progress and we will get through the ongoing pandemic with each other's support and care.

Sincerely,

Tom Lussier
Executive Director

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