

KINDERGARTEN COHORT REFERENCE SHEET

ÉRWBBS students have been divided into cohorts, which involves keeping groups of students (e.g. classes) together, and avoiding interactions with other groups. The purpose of cohorts is to limit the mixing of students and staff so that if a child or employee contracts Covid-19, there are fewer possible exposures and contact tracing can be more easily done.

During instructional time, students will stay exclusively with the students in their class. During arrivals and departures and during Activity Breaks, students will stay exclusively with their cohorts. To limit mixing of students from different cohorts, each cohort has been assigned a specific entry/exit gate to the school property depending on their arrival type, a specific entry/exit door to the building, and will have staggered morning and afternoon Nutrition and Activity Breaks.

In order to make this system work for everyone, **we need everyone to follow the established procedures everyday.** Extensive supervision will be in place to support the safety and wellbeing of all students during these hectic times of the day. To protect the integrity of the cohort system, parents and guardians are asked not to congregate or linger on the school grounds during the morning arrival or the end-of-day dismissal times.

NOTE: The information presented below is specific to the KINDERGARTEN COHORT. Please reference the attached map and review the following information with your child/children as appropriate.

Morning Arrival	
Gates will open at 8:30am for student arrivals	
...for students who arrive on the BUS or the Starting Blocks SHUTTLE	
- The bus will drop your child off on the west side of the school on Main St., and he/she will be directed to enter the school grounds through Gate B. - Students will be directed to enter through the designated entry/exit door and go directly to their classroom.	
...for students who WALK or BIKE to school	
- As always, crossing guards will be present to assist with safe arrivals at Main St. and 2nd Ave. N., as well as at Main St. and 3rd Ave. N. - Your child will enter the school yard through Gate B via the sidewalk on Main St. Bike racks will be located on the school grounds inside Gate B. - Students will be directed to enter through the designated entry/exit door and go directly to their classroom.	
...for students who are dropped off in a VEHICLE	
- Students may be dropped off on 3rd Ave. N. and enter through Gate F. *This is not a parking zone. Please drop off your child promptly and move on. **Due to a new busing procedure, parking will not be permitted on 2nd Ave. N. or on Main St. in front of the school, as marked on the attached map. - Your child will be directed to enter the school yard through Gate F and proceed to the designated entry/exit door. Staff will lead students between these two points. - Students will be directed to enter through the designated entry/exit door and go directly to their classroom.	
<u>Important Note Regarding Morning Arrival</u>	

- Entry to the school grounds will begin at 8:30am. Classes do not start until 8:50am.
- This window of 20 minutes allows students to trickle into the building and go directly to their homeroom. It also limits the congregating of large groups of students outside on the playground.
- **Plan for your child to arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am.**

End-of-Day Dismissal

...for students who leave on the **BUS**

- Bus students are dismissed at 3:15pm.
 - Students will line up by cohort and be escorted by a staff member out the designated **entry/exit door**.
 - Staff will walk students to their appropriate bus.
- *There are no longer transfers happening at the high school. The bus your child boards at ÉRWBBS will be the bus that takes him/her home.

...for students who leave on the **Starting Blocks SHUTTLE**

- Your child will be dismissed as a bus student at 3:15pm.
- Your child will leave school through the designated **entry/exit door** and proceed through **Gate B**.
- A Starting Blocks staff member will be waiting outside of **Gate B** to escort students to the shuttle.

...for town students who **WALK** or **BIKE** home

- Town students are dismissed at approximately 3:25pm.
- Your child will leave school through the designated **entry/exit door** and proceed out of **Gate B** to the sidewalk on Main St.
- As always, crossing guards will be present at Main St. and 2nd Ave. N., as well as at Main St. and 3rd Ave. N. to assist with safe departures.

...for students who are **picked up in a VEHICLE**

- Town students are dismissed at approximately 3:25pm.
 - Your child will leave school through the designated **entry/exit door** and proceed to **Gate F** for pick-up.
 - **Vehicles are to park on 3rd Ave. N. IN THE DESIGNATED ZONE ONLY.**
- *Due to a new busing procedure, **parking will not be permitted** on the south end of 2nd St. E, on 2nd Ave. N. or on Main St. in front of the school, as marked on the attached map.
- *Understandably, this will be a busy section of road at dismissal time. As a family, you may want to designate an alternate pick-up spot and practice using it with your child, for example, parking at the upper parking lot of the Heritage Arts Centre and have your child use the sidewalk to safely walk to your parked car.*

Pick-up and Drop-off During the School Day

- Parents and caregivers must phone the office to provide notice of student drop-offs or pick-ups during the day.
- Students must enter and exit through the designated **entry/exit door**.
- Upon arrival at the school, parents will notify the office **when the child is entering the school premises**.

Designated staff will meet and escort the child from his/her **entry/exit door** to the classroom.

*Pick ups and drop offs during the school day **must not coincide** with **Nutrition and Activity Breaks** (see below).

Staggered Nutrition & Activity Break Times

AM Activity	10:40-11:00	AM Nutrition	11:00 -11:20
PM Activity	1:10-1:30	PM Nutrition	1:30-1:50

Identifying Cohorts During Activity Break – The Kindergarten Cohort is PINK

- The Kindergarten cohort will have all Activity Breaks in **Zone 1** until January. Zone assignments will be reviewed at that time.
- Each cohort is assigned a specific pinnie colour. Students are expected to wear their pinnie during Activity Break so that supervising staff can differentiate and maintain distance between cohorts.
- Your child will be assigned his/her own pinnie; pinnies will not be shared. They are the property of the school and will remain at school.