



General Byng School

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Dear General Byng Families,

What a whirlwind start to the year. The energy in the building is amazing! Our staff and students are energized; reconnecting with returning students and building relationships with those new to General Byng! We would like to extend our thanks for joining us at our Meet the Staff BBQ last week. We are honoured to be serving this amazing community!

STUDENT FEES

On Friday, we sent a School Messenger email to families outlining the process for identifying your preferred payment method for student fees. If you did not receive the email, please contact the main office.

STRONG BEGINNINGS

Today, you will receive your appointment time for Strong Beginnings (September 22 and 23). Your child/ren's attendance at the assigned appointment time is expected. Your child will not attend classes these days. Their appointment will be the only time they are required to be at school.

LUNCH PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Lunch Program registration and payment information will be emailed to families by Friday, September 23rd. We have been working with Pembina Trails Finance Department in an attempt to simplify the payment method for families, specifically those who use the program on a part-time basis.

In the meantime, here is a brief overview of the expectations of students during lunch hour (12:45-1:45pm):

General Rules:

- Students must remain in their seats while eating.
- No sharing of food.
- Attendance is taken daily to track both attendance and payment for families.
- Pembina Trails Standard of Behaviour applies during the lunch hour.

Gr. 1-6 students:

- Must remain on school property unless prior arrangements have been made with the school office.

Gr. 7 students:

- Must remain on school property unless a parent/guardian note is submitted to the main office at the beginning of lunch (12:45pm) daily.

Gr. 8 and 9 students:

- May leave school property as they wish but must return to school on time for period 5 (1:45pm).

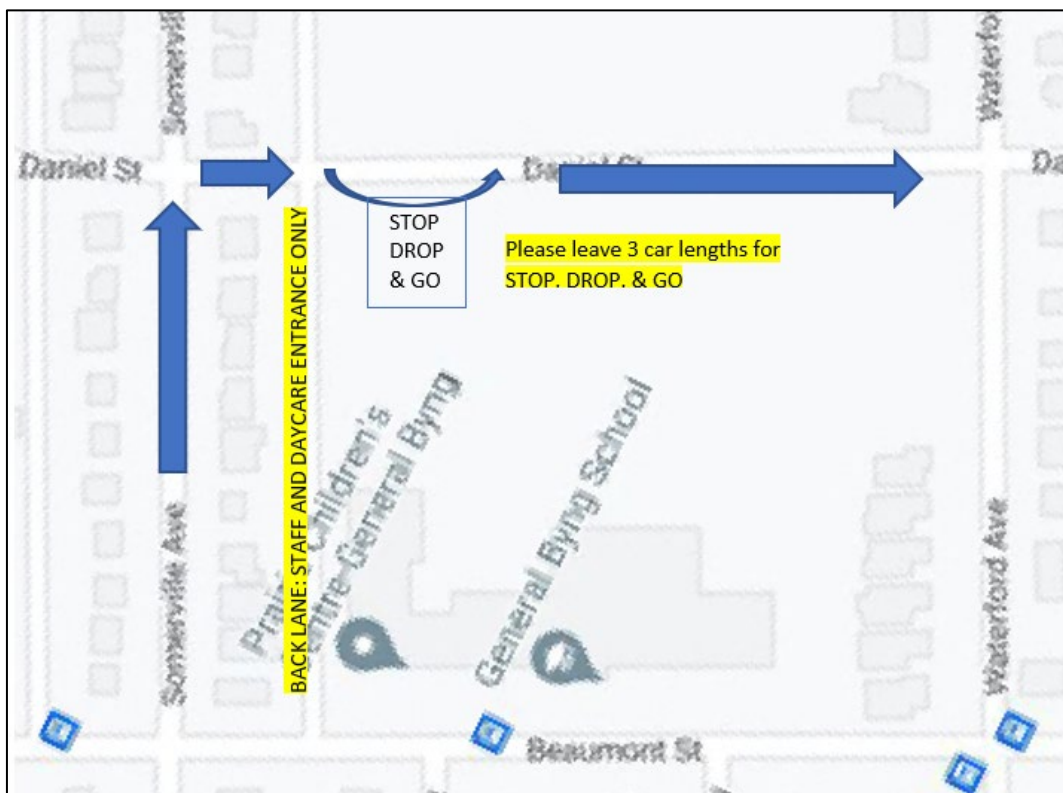
If a student is not following Pembina Trails Standard of Behaviour and/or Lunch Program Rules or is tardy for period 5 the school may revoke privileges.

STOP, DROP and GO! PROCEDURES

At General Byng we value kindness, respect, and responsibility as well as student safety. Mornings are a busy time and over the past week we have made some adjustments to our STOP, DROP and GO! procedures to support the safe arrival of our students. We ask that families follow the STOP, DROP and GO! procedures we have put in place.

We have a newly formed staff and student Welcome Team who will embody the General Byng values while working to keep our students safe as they arrive at school. Our staff members, Mr. Whyte and Ms. Matthews, and two student leaders will be welcoming students as they arrive in the STOP, DROP and GO! location. If you are driving your child/ren to school, we ask that you follow the new and improved procedures:

- Please **travel south on Daniel Street** to drop off your child/ren. (see arrows in image below).
- Please **do not park in the STOP, DROP and GO! drop zone** on Daniel Street south of the back lane (see image below). We ask that you leave 3 car lengths for cars to pull in, drop their child/ren off safely, and resume driving south on Daniel Street.
- We must remain mindful that Daniel Street is used by the entire community therefore please **do not stop on the north bound side of Daniel Street**. The north bound side of Daniel Street is a “no stopping zone” and is extremely dangerous and will become increasingly dangerous as the winter weather rolls in.
- Please **have your child exit the curb side (passenger side)** back door where our student Welcome Team will welcome them and assist your child in exiting the vehicle by closing the door behind them.
- Pull back out onto south bound Daniel Street and enjoy your day!



WEATHER

As the Winnipeg weather begins to change we remind families to ensure your child is dressed appropriately. A spare change of clothes, labelled and kept in your child/ren's backpack, may be helpful in case they need to change.

POSSIBLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you, or someone you know, is interested in our paid lunch program supervisor positions please contact the main office. We are always looking for ways to bring the community into the school and this paid position is a wonderful way to engage with our General Byng students and staff. The hours of work are 12:45-1:45pm daily.

Sincerely,



Tracey Groening

Principal



Darren Gerbrandt

Vice-Principal