

Wainwright Elementary School Re-entry



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Family's/Guardian's Role

What do I need to buy for my student before school starts?

- Our School Supply lists is available at <http://wes.btps.ca/Supply%20Lists.php>.
- Each student will be provided 2 re-usable masks. You may wish to purchase other masks and masks need to be approved by the school administration. Each student will need to supply their own mask on the first day of school, as the school provided masks will be handed out that day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at each school entrance and classroom. You may wish to purchase other sanitizer but it needs to be approved by the school administration.

What will the first day of school be like?

- We will stagger the return of students over two days. Students whose surnames begin with the letters A-K will attend school on Tuesday, September 1. Students whose surnames begin with the letters L-Z will attend school on Wednesday, September 2. You will receive an email from the school to let you know when your child will attend school for their first day. All students will be together on September 3, 2020.
- Grades 4-6 students and all staff will wear masks when they enter the school, in hallways, common areas, classrooms and bathrooms when 2 m of physical distancing is not able to be maintained.

Will I be able to enter the school as a parent/guardian?

- On the first day of school, if one parent/guardian needs to enter the school with a student, they need to fill in the self-assessment screening tool. We ask that parents/guardians do not remain in the school for a long period of time to visit so we limit the number of people within the school. We understand that students often have lots of materials that they wish to bring but these can also be brought to the school over various days as well.
- On a day to day basis, Parents, caregivers, volunteers, partners and other visitors entering schools should be minimized.
- Parents/guardians should remain outside the school to pick-up and drop off their children. If entry to the school is required they will go through the visitor protocol.
- Parents/guardians can pick up their student outside at the student's designated grade level entrance doors, or can call ahead to the school with arrangements for the student to meet their parent at another location (car).

What is required before I send my child to school?

- Each morning you will need to have your student complete the [Self-Assessment](#). If your student is able to answer "NO" to each question he or she are allowed to attend school for the day. We are depending on families to be honest about their self-assessments and to make this part of their new morning routine.
- If any students or staff show symptoms during the school day, they will be isolated and asked to go home. Families will need to be prepared to leave work or make alternate arrangements for pick-up.

Lunch

- Student lunch breaks will be staggered.
- For September there will not be any microwaves or vending machines.

Will the buses run?

Yes, buses will run and students in Grades 4-12 and the bus driver will be required to wear a mask.

How can I support my student before school starts?

You may wish to discuss the following:

Handwashing

Student hand-washing requirements:

- Before leaving home, on arrival at school, and before leaving school. This is critical for all students.
- After using the toilet.
- Before and after any transitions within the school setting (e.g. to another classroom, indoor-outdoor transitions, etc.).
- After sneezing or coughing.
- Before and after breaks and sporting activities.
- Before and after eating any food, including snacks.
- Before touching face (nose, eyes or mouth).
- Whenever hands are visibly dirty.

Telling staff if they feel sick

- Students exhibiting signs of illness will be moved to a supervised, designated infirmary in the school.
- When the parent picks up the child they will be encouraged to seek medical advice.

Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing of 2 m will be maintained when possible.

Sitting in Assigned Seating

- On the bus and in classrooms, students will be assigned seats.

Movement in Building

- Our students will walk single file, socially distanced 2 m apart, on the right-hand side of the hallway.

Shared Equipment

- Students who share equipment must wash hands before and after use.
- Parents/guardians must not allow students to bring toys from home.

Water Fountains

- Please send your child to school with a full water bottle that can be refilled. Where possible water bottles should be refilled at a bottle filler station.

Resources to support discussion

- [Alberta Education's School Re-Entry Toolkit](#)

Daily Operations of Schools and Learning

What will the day look like?

- The structure of the school day will look similar. We will stagger recess and lunch breaks to allow for physical distancing.
- Classroom learning will look similar to pre-COVID-19. Students will not have to sit in their desks all day.
- Physical Education will be modified but there are low contact sports and games that will be played.
- Optional classes will run with some modifications to meet the Alberta Health requirements.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Most of these can continue with health measures in place.

Field Trips

- Trips requiring transportation cannot occur in the fall of 2020.
- Walking field trips can proceed as long as schools are able to ensure that guidelines for physical distancing, eating, equipment sharing, and hand washing can be adhered to.

What is the safety plan?

- Students and staff are required to perform hand hygiene when entering and exiting the school as well as before entering the classroom.
- Hand sanitizer in entrances, exits, classroom entrances, and by high-touch equipment.
- Area rugs and soft furnishings are removed.
- For September, there will be no use of microwaves and vending machines
- Enhanced cleaning of all high-touch surfaces
- Students will be in a bus seating plan and a classroom seating plans

Visiting the School

What does visiting the school look like?

- We value our partnerships with parents. Please understand that there may be limited opportunities to volunteer this school year as we work to keep everyone safe. If you need to enter the building you will need to fill in the Screening App, wear a mask, and sign in at the office.