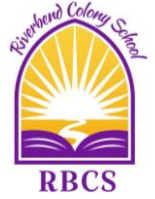


2020-21 Re-Opening School Plan

Riverbend Colony School



As we prepare to re-open schools on September 8, 2020 in Beautiful Plains School Division, we continue to prioritize the safety, health and well-being of our communities by doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. With the advice from our Chief Medical Officer and Manitoba Education, Riverbend Colony School is planning to maximize health and mitigate risk proportionate to the level of COVID-19 infection determined by Manitoba Health.

As we continue to live in an unprecedented time with the pandemic, this plan assists in navigating responses to possible questions for the upcoming school year. **All levels support continued learning for students in BPSD for the 2020-21 academic school year.** Our school plan provides some specific details regarding the school day structure. For additional information on practices such as cleaning protocols, helpful definitions (ex. Physical distancing, cohorts, blended learning), and the [BPSD screening tool](#) you can refer to our BPSD Restoring Safe Schools document found on our divisional website.

On July 30, 2020, the [provincial announcement](#) indicated that level 1 will be followed based on MB public health guidelines for September. Announcements regarding any changes to levels will be posted on the BPSD website.

MB Education Response Levels	
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All K-12 students return for in-class learning. Grade 9-12 students will be in-class to the greatest extent possible. Blended learning for high school students may vary from school to school
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-8 students are prioritized for in-class learning Grade 9-12 will participate in teacher-led remote learning, with limited use of school facilities for specific programming and assessment.
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote learning in place for all grades, Schools are closed to the public with the exception of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students of critical workers

Welcoming Our Students Back

We are so thrilled to be back in the classroom with the students! We are also very fortunate to have a fantastic new teacher joining us in the early year's classroom, Mrs. Barnstable. We understand there may be some nervousness surrounding the return to classroom learning so we are welcoming all parents to come for the first 30 minutes on Sept. 8 to see any changes to our daily routine and have a quick chat with teachers if you wish to do so. Remember you are always welcome to stop in the school and have a chat or contact us at any time with questions or concerns. We will be going over cleaning protocols with the students for high touch areas and showing how they can care for each other by keeping a clean school environment. As indicated, we will be following the policies as laid out in the Manitoba Education Response Levels on the previous page. Should there be any changes to this a message will be sent out on our school message board on WhatsApp that all parents have access to. Time permitting, I will also send a note home with the students if possible. As always, we strive to provide an inclusive and compassionate learning environment so open communication is important.

Requirements for Student/Staff Attendance

Students and staff must be in good health to attend school. Designated entries and exits are required; the two door locations can be found on page 7. Before sending students to school each day, parents need to use the BPSD MB Covid-19 Screening Tool using the following guidelines:

- If a student/staff shows any symptoms, they must stay home
- Students are expected to notify the school if they are feeling ill at school; for any students who start showing any symptoms at school, parents will be contacted and students will need to go home
- Students need to remain at home until there are no symptoms and they have been advised it is safe to return
- Staff will be greeting students at the door for classroom entry to screen for any visible physical symptoms
- Students/staff must self-isolate for 14 days if they have travelled outside MB excluding western Canada, the Territories or Ontario west of Terrance Bay. Please contact the school to indicate the reason for absence.
- Students will need to stay in assigned area unless directed otherwise by staff
- If students have a water bottle at school please be sure it has their name labelled.
- Please refer to [BPSD student attendance expectations](#) for additional information

Reporting and Contact Tracing for Covid-19

If a person in the household has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they are required to consult [Health Links](#) prior to attending and follow their directions. In the event of a student or household member reports that they have received a positive test for COVID-19:

- The parent/guardian will immediately advise the school principal, who will then notify the superintendent

- To facilitate contact tracing, we record attendance regularly and accurately. This includes maintaining a daily log of all visitors and itinerant staff who access the building
- As required by public health, we will provide contact information for other students or staff who are “close contacts” of the individual receiving the positive test result
- Public health officials will communicate with close contacts and advise the wider school community. As a school, we are not permitted to communicate this information without specific direction from public health officials
- Contact tracing involves identifying the contacts of a positive case and contacting those individuals who may have been exposed.
- Public health will identify cohorts/groups of staff, students, volunteers, and visitors in the school for a specified timeframe and contact students, staff, and families if they have been in close contact with a confirmed/probable case to determine whether they need to self-isolate or self-monitor and when they can return to school
- Public health will recommend testing to staff, students, volunteers, and visitors who may have been exposed to a positive case and assess the need for the school to be closed for a period of time
- We will clean and disinfect areas where exposures took place; these areas will not be used until they are determined to be safe.
- If there is an outbreak at a school, this will be announced through Manitoba media bulletins and public health will provide instructions to those who have been in close contact.

Personal Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Please help us teach our students about proper hygiene and respiratory etiquette. You can do this at home:

- MB Public health requires masks in Grades 4-12 when physical distancing of 2 meters is not possible.
- Remind them to wash their hands with soap and water regularly and especially
 - After coughing or sneezing
 - Before and after eating
 - After toilet use
 - When hands are visibly dirty
- Ensure they cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or into their sleeve. Throw out tissues in the garbage and then immediately wash hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Remind students to avoid touching face (eyes, nose mouth) with unwashed hands
- We have hand sanitizer available at our entrances and around the school. Please remind your child to use the sanitizer when entering and leaving the school and classroom
- Students/staff presenting symptoms at school will have a parent notified immediately and be re-located to the isolation room until they can go home.

Bus Transportation

Should the school take a trip, we must following busing protocol. Parents must screen students prior to getting on the bus. Students in grade 4-12 must wear masks to board the bus and for the entirety of the bus ride each day. Kindergarten to grade 3 students are encouraged to wear masks on the bus. If your child does not have a mask one will be provided for them.

Student Well-Being

Student and staff well-being is a priority for us as we navigate through this pandemic together. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact the school and we will work with your family to provide the resources and assistance as best we can. For general information on mental health and well-being, our [divisional website](#) has a list of online resources that are being updated regularly.

Additional Information

If a student is not following school protocols they will be spoken with, then if they continue to disregard protocols teachers will be contacting their parents.

Beautiful Plains School Division Priorities

- Well-Being of students, families and staff
- Maintaining connections between school staff and students
- Prioritizing literacy and numeracy focusing on essential outcomes

Details	September 2020
Arrival	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To reduce crowding, students will have staggered arrivals. Please arrive between the following times: grade: K- 4 @ 8:50 door: Upstairs classroom Door grade: 5-8 @ 8:50 door: Main Door grade: 9-12 @ 9:00 door: Main door
Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To reduce crowding, students will have staggered dismissals at the following times: grade:K-4 @ 11:25 and 3:30 door: Upstairs Door grade: 5-8 @ 11:25 and 3:30 door: Main Door

	<p>grade: 9-12 @ 11:50 and 3:35 door: Main Door</p>
Movement of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have a designated area in the school. Other areas of the school will be avoided as much as possible. • Regular in-class movement breaks, recess, and Phys. Ed classes will continue. • Indoor or outdoor non-contact sports (e.g., tennis, soccer) may occur with physical distancing during the play, except for brief exchanges of close contact as recommended by Public Health and MB education. • Any field trips that occur in collaboration with the colony will be voluntary and accompanied by appropriate parental permission. Enhanced planning for field trips will ensure that all public health guidelines are met.
Recess/ Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce crowding, students will have staggered recess/breaks at the following times: grade: K- 4 @ 10:10 and @ 11:20 grade: 5-8 @ 10:15 and 11:25 • ensure handwashing or hand sanitizing happens before and after recess
Lunch/ Snacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be asked to wash hands with soap and water before and after eating lunch. • No food or water bottle sharing are permitted between students. • No buffet, or potluck meal service is permitted in schools at this time. • Students eating a snack at school will eat in the classroom wiping down their eating area before and after lunch.
Classroom	
Classroom Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our classroom arrangements support physical distancing for 1m combined with cohorting. • Outdoor spaces are being used when possible. • Hand sanitizer or hand washing will be used for entry and exit from the classroom.
Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student-contact time is being prioritized. • We are focusing on teaching outcomes rather than the amount of time per subject (a cross-curricular approach is recommended).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on MB education’s guidelines, we are prioritizing essential outcomes in literacy and numeracy in all areas. • Gym and music classes will continue with playing and learning outdoors encouraged as much as possible. Any equipment that must be shared will be sanitized between classes. • Teachers will be preparing blended learning environments for possible class cancellations. • We will be using Class Dojo (early years) and Google Classroom (middle years) for any remote learning when needed with regular contact through email, FaceTime, and messages. School iPad’s can be dispersed.
<p>School Supplies and Personal Belongings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student supplies will be labeled with their name and organized into personal cases. • For any materials that need to be shared, students will hand wash/sanitize before and after use. Materials will also be sanitized after use. • Based on current public health guidelines, we are recommending that you send your child with a non-medical mask when the mask can be removed independently.

