

2020-21 Re-Opening School Plan Fairway 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, Fairway 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 20-21 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 excited to welcome back students for the 2020-21 school year for what will be an exciting and challenging year. As we look forward to the year, our number one priority is the health and safety of our students and staff. After reading this plan, please feel free to reach out to me anytime with concerns or questions before the start of the school year. Like in the past, any correspondence made throughout the school year will be done by messenger, with longer

communication done by letters being sent home. If a parent/guardian cannot be reached, a phone call will be made home. Any changes to our learning scenarios throughout the year will also be communicated this way.

Requirements for Student/Staff Attendance

Students and staff must be in good health to attend school. Before leaving for 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
- Bring snacks that do not require preparation at school (no microwave use); bring a water bottle with 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 recommends masks as an additional layer of protection. We encourage mask use when possible. Students will be encouraged to bring masks and wear them at school when they can remove the mask independently.
- 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 be sent home immediately once parents have been contacted.

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

The first day of school will be similar to past years. However, new school protocols will be shared with students in their classrooms. This will be shared and reinforced with students throughout the first few weeks and throughout the year as necessary. Student timetables have not been changed from previous years.

If a student is not following school protocols, the student will be reminded. If protocols are still not being met, the student's parent will be contacted to discuss the issue.

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 / Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students are expected to arrive after the first bell at 8:50 am for morning classes and after the first bell at 12:25 pm for afternoon classes. • All students will be dismissed at 11:30 am for lunch and at 3:30 pm for the dismissal of the school day. Students will be slightly staggered leaving the school at these times. • Students are to distance themselves from on another upon entry and exiting the building.
Recess/ Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess and breaks will be at 10:00 am to 10:15 am in the morning and 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm in the afternoon. Students will enter and leave the building at slight intervals. • Students will be asked to sanitize his/her hands upon leaving and re-entering the school.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since students always eat lunch off school premises, students will be asked to wash their hands once they return to school for afternoon classes.
Classroom	
Classroom Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our classroom arrangements support physical distancing for 1m • Outdoor spaces are also being used when possible • Hand sanitizer or hand washing will be used for entry and exit from the classroom

<p>Instruction</p>	<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) • 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 field trips that occur will be entirely voluntary and accompanied by appropriate parental permission. Enhanced planning for field trips will ensure that all public health guidelines are met. • We will have blended learning environments ready for possible class cancellations • We will be using Google Classroom as an online learning platform for grades 5-8 and Seesaw for grades 1-4 should we move to a blended or online learning model.
<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 containers • Based on current public health guidelines, all students from grades 4-12 are required to wear a non-medical mask when 2-meter distancing cannot be adhered to. • Please send your child with a mask as there will be occasions when they will need them. • For any materials that need to be shared, students will hand wash/sanitize before and after use. Materials will also be sanitized after use • Students are also to keep personal supplies and belongings in their own spaces including their designated locker, desk, or organizer space in the classroom. Students are not to share lockers, desks, or individual organizer spaces in the school.