

## 2020-21 Re-Opening School Plan

### Twilight 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, Twilight 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. A copy of the BPSD screening tool will be sent out to families prior to the start of the school year.

*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 and communicated to all families through notes sent home.*

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

### Welcoming Our Students Back

Hello everyone! My name is Ms. Alexa Hulme and I am very excited to be teaching at Twilight Colony School this year! I am looking forward to getting to know all of my students and their families and learning more about Twilight Colony. I am currently living in Brandon, Manitoba, but

I am originally from the small town of MacGregor, Manitoba. I grew up on a 5600-acre grain farm south of MacGregor with my mom, dad, older sister and younger brother. I love spending time outside and being a part of small town farming communities. I hope to learn a lot about what kinds of things are grown and produced at Twilight Colony.

As the first day of school continues to get closer, I will be contacting families to set up timeslots for each family to come into the classroom for introductions and to answer any questions they may have. These family meetings will be taking place on September 3<sup>rd</sup> or September 4<sup>th</sup>. When contacting families, I will be asking to see what time and date works best for everyone.

I am anticipating a great year at Twilight Colony School! It is my hope to ensure that all students will be actively engaged in their learning, in a positive and safe environment.

### **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 teacher 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 by public health that it is safe to return
- The teacher will be greeting students at the door for classroom entry to screen for any visible physical symptoms, staff will also be asking students to sanitizer their hands before entering the classroom
- 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 be asked to 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
- For students presenting symptoms at school, parents will be contacted and the student will need to go home immediately. In the event that we are unable to contact parents, the student will be required to be isolated in the art supplies room until a parent can pick them up.

### **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.

### 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
<b>Arrival</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classes will begin at 9:00am.</li> <li>• When students arrive they will be asked to sanitize their hands and the teacher will check for any noticeable physical symptoms.</li> </ul>
<b>Dismissal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be dismissed at 3:30pm.</li> <li>• Students will be asked to sanitize their hands before leaving the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Movement of Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will each have their own designated work area in the classroom. When moving to other areas of the school, such as the library, students will be sent in one at a time or with their sibling(s).</li> <li>• Regular in-class movement breaks, recess, and Phys. Ed classes will continue.</li> <li>• Indoor or outdoor non-contact sports (e.g., soccer) may occur with physical distancing during the play, except for brief exchanges of close contact as recommended by Public Health and MB education.</li> </ul>
<b>Recess/ Breaks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recess/breaks will occur from 10:15-10:30am and 2:00-2:15pm. Staff members will ensure that handwashing or hand hygiene is performed before and after each recess.</li> <li>• Students will be dismissed for lunch at 11:25am and will return for afternoon classes at 12:30pm.</li> <li>• Students will be asked to wash their hands with soap and water before leaving for lunch and to sanitize their hands when returning to the school for the afternoon.</li> </ul>

<b>Classroom</b>	
<b>Classroom Configuration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our classroom arrangements support physical distancing for 1m</li> <li>• Outdoor spaces are also being used when possible</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer or hand washing will be used for entry and exit from the classroom</li> </ul>
<b>Instruction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student-contact time is being prioritized</li> <li>• We are focusing on teaching outcomes rather than the amount of time per subject (a cross-curricular approach is recommended)</li> <li>• Based on MB education’s guidelines, we are prioritizing essential outcomes in literacy and numeracy in all areas</li> <li>• 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 before and after each use.</li> <li>• The teacher will be preparing for possible class cancellations by creating work packages to be sent home weekly.</li> </ul>
<b>School Supplies and Personal Belongings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students supplies will be labeled with their name and organized into personal containers.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• If possible, please send your child with a mask as there will be occasions when they will need them. If your child does not have a mask, one will be provided at the school.</li> <li>• For any materials that need to be shared, students will hand wash/sanitize before and after use. Materials will also be sanitized after use.</li> </ul>

**Summer Fun Communication**

I will be leaving a cardboard mailbox outside the entrance of the school until classes start on September 8th. Students are welcome to write me a letter or draw a picture and put it in my mailbox. I will respond to each letter placed in the mailbox throughout my time at the school this summer and will get responses back to the students as soon as I can! The mailbox will be emptied at the end of every day and replies to student will be placed outside of the school in a separate box the next morning.