



# Amisk 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 are available on the Amisk School Website, amisk@btps.ca.
- K-3 Students will be required to provide their own masks for the first day, if parents wish them to wear one.
- Each student will be provided 2 re-usable masks after the first day of attendance. You may wish to purchase other masks and masks need to be approved by the school administration.
- 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. You will receive information on when your child will attend school for day 1. All students will be together on September 3, 2020.
- *Masks will not be distributed before the first day of school, K-3 students will need to provide their own mask for the first day, if parents wish their child wear one. Please label the masks with your child's name to ease potential confusion.*
- Grades 4-12 students and 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 ask that younger siblings not attend with their parents on this day.
- We understand that students often have lots of materials that they wish to bring. Please bring them to school with your child on the first day of attendance.
- 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 child outside of the main entrance only. Please call the office to make prior arrangements.

### 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 is 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.

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- If any students or staff show symptoms 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

- Students will remain in their homerooms to eat lunch.
- For September there **will not be any microwaves.**

#### 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.

#### Masks

- Masks will be provided to each student. You may wish to purchase other masks, but they need to be approved by the school administration.

#### Telling staff if they feel sick

- Students exhibiting signs of illness will be moved to a supervised, designated infirmary in the school.
- Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick up their child immediately, within the hour.
- 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.

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### Movement in Building

- Signs and directional arrows on walls and/or floors will guide movement in common areas and hallways.
- Our students will be expected to distance themselves from each other and follow the direction arrows on the floors while moving throughout the hallways.
- Picture of what this will look like will be sent at a later date.

### Shared Equipment

- Students who shared 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 each day.
- Where possible water bottles should be refilled at a bottle filler station or in the classroom.

### 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 may stagger recesses to allow students to exit and enter the school at specific times to allow for physical distancing. Classes will be dismissed and re-enter the school at two minute intervals during the recess break. We will assure that students get the full time allotted for a recess break.
- 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.
- Alberta Education is working with partners such as Alberta Schools' Athletic Association on the possibility of running school sports and more information will be available shortly.

### Field Trips

- Trips requiring transportation cannot occur in the fall of 2020.

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- 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.

### Work Experience

- Work experience may proceed as long as the risk of infection is mitigated for all participants. If the work experience placement is in a workplace, the student is expected to follow health rules set out by the workplace which should comply with the [Workplace Guidance for Business Owners](#).

### 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.
- Enhanced cleaning of all high-touch surfaces
- Students will be in a bus seating plan and a classroom seating plans

### Bussing

#### What will getting on a bus look like for my student?

Bus drivers will be assigning specific seats to each child. Students Grades 4-12 will be required to wear a mask and those students Grade K-3 who will be riding the transfer bus are encouraged to wear masks as they will be seated in close proximity to each other.

### 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, Sanitize your hands and sign in at the office upon entering the school. We ask that you please sign out when exiting the school.