

Prairie View School Back to School Plan, Version 1

This document is a detailed plan for students, families, and staff to know about as we return to school soon. We are very excited to welcome everyone back! We know that there are many questions, and we hope to answer many of them in this Back to School Plan.

First and foremost, we want to assure you that we have worked hard to create these specific plans, with the information we have at the time, with the safety, learning, and emotional needs of our students at the forefront.

As you know, the information changes frequently, and as we receive updates, we will continue to keep you updated. We will be communicating with families, through the office, a minimum of once per week for the time being. Teachers will be communicating as well using a variety of formats. Please remember to check frequently.

Please read through this document closely, so you are aware of the expectations and protocols for our students, our parents and guardians, and our staff. If you require a paper copy, please let us know.

Safe Attendance



Safe Attendance focuses on the health of students and staff before and while they are at school. If students or staff are ill, they should remain at home.

- Please update your contact information and medical health information by September 4.
- It is recommended that your child wear a non-medical mask; bandanas and neck gaiters are not recommended as appropriate.
- K-3 students are not required to wear masks on play structures, but students in grades 4-6 are required to wear masks at all times, when physical distancing of 2m is not possible.
- Parents are asked to closely monitor their child's symptoms. Before school each day, please check for the following symptoms:

fever	headache	sore throat	runny nose
cough	aches and pains	chills	loss of sense or smell
shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		nausea	fatigue

- If your child shows any symptoms, please keep your child at home until they are healthy.
- If a student becomes ill, a member of the administration team will take the student to a room where they will be safe and comfortable. They will remain with the student until pickup.
- Parents will be contacted and asked to come to the school as quickly as possible to pick up their child. When you arrive at the school, please call the office at 306-254-2633 and a member of the administration team will bring your child to you. Do not enter the school.
- Please click on the [link](#) for more information regarding COVID-19 protocol.
- Please make alternate arrangements should the primary contact not be available for quick pick up.
- Staff are asked to self-monitor for symptoms and will complete a COVID-19 screener daily.

- PVS teachers will be working with students to prepare them for the possibility of a move to Level 3 or Level 4.

Safe Transportation



Safe Transportation focuses on the safe movement of students to and from school. Where possible, the Ministry is encouraging parents to transport their own children to and from school.

Bus Students

- Students will be required to wear face masks at all times while on the bus.
- Our bus drivers will create a seating plan and submit it to the office by September 4.
- The bus drivers will clean and sanitize the buses between each run.
- Students will be given very specific direction for lining up, and will be supervised in the morning and after school.
- The buses will arrive at our school between 8:35am and 8:45am, where students will then go directly into the school to their classrooms.
- At the end of the day, bus students will be dismissed at 3:08pm. After putting on their masks in the classroom, they will go directly to their lineup location and wait for the bus.

Students who do not ride the bus

- Students who are dropped off or walk to school are asked to arrive between 8:45am and 9:00am and are to go directly into their classroom.
- There will not be a supervisor on the playground in the morning.
- The bus lane will be open for drop off after 8:45am.
- Please remain in your vehicle during drop off.
- Students who do not ride the bus will be dismissed at 3:12pm.
- **Do not drop off or pick up your child in the staff parking lot.** This is a very busy area in the mornings, and we do not want any drop offs or pickups at this location.
- If you are driving or walking your child(ren) to school, please decide on a consistent pickup location.
- There will be no crossing guard at this time.
- The town of Dalmeny has installed 2 new pedestrian crossing with lights. With your child(ren), please practice how to responsibly and safely use these lights.

Safe Access



Safe Access focuses on the daily flow of students and staff within the building.

Assigned Entrances and Exits

- If you are walking your child(ren) to school, please allow plenty of space for students and other parents to drop off as well. Please have a consistent drop off person.
- There will be designated spots for the students to wait while other students enter. Please help your child correctly identify their spot.
- Kindergarten – Students in K will access the school through the K door at the front of the school.
- Both 1F and 1T will enter through the north doors.
- 2T, 2/3CM, and 3B will enter through the Grade 2 and 3 doors at the east side of the school by the shed.
- 4R will enter through the north doors.
- 4/5I will enter through the front doors.
- 5C will enter through the front doors.
- 6S and 6W will enter through the back Grade 6 doors.
- These specific doors will be used during recess and lunch as well.
- Recess times and lunch times will be staggered. K-3 will be playing on the north playground, in designated areas, at staggered times during the day. Grade 4-6 will be playing on the south playground, at staggered times during the day.
- Grades 4-6 students are required to wear masks at all times, when physical distancing of 2m is not possible.

Movement within the building

- Signage will be placed around the school to remind students about physical distancing. This includes locations such as hallways and bathrooms.
- Students in Grades 4-6 are required to wear a mask, when physical distancing is not possible. This will include classroom, along with the hallways and entryways.
- Students in Grades K-3 are encouraged to wear masks.
- Lockdown and fire drills will not happen at this time. Instructions and processes will be taught rather than actual practice.

Limited Access

- At this time, only students, staff, and essential personnel will be permitted to enter the building.

Safe Facilities



Safe Facilities focuses on the cleaning and sanitation of school buildings.

Schools have been asked to increase sanitation measures and continue to promote proper hygiene practices.

- Please send a Health Canada approved hand sanitizer with your child. It can be the personal size.
- Staff will provide many opportunities for students to handwash, and instruction will be focused on proper technique. Please continue to encourage this at home.
- There will be signage throughout the school.
- Students belongings (backpacks and outdoor clothing) will be placed either in cubbies or hanging on the bag of their chairs.
- Please send only the required materials to school.
- Cleaning and sanitation of high touch surfaces will be a team approach – students, classroom and caretaking staff. Each classroom will have their own supply of cleaners and hand sanitizer to use throughout the day and will develop a routine around proper cleaning. Special attention to high touch surfaces will be given by caretaking staff. Our caretaking hours have been adjusted to ensure a caretaker is in our school while students and staff are in the building.

Safe Classroom/Common Spaces



Safe Classrooms focuses on the measures to ensure the safe sharing of space in the classroom between students and staff.

- Each classroom will have an assigned seating plan, with each student having their own designated learning space. Students will be forward facing in desks.
- When possible, learning materials will not be shared. In the event that this cannot happen, such as technology, they will be sanitized after each use. We have ordered additional technology for our students to access.
- French and Music will be taught in the respective classrooms.
- The library, gym and computer lab will be closed for the time being. Books will be provided in the classroom, but they will not go home.
- Students will be going outside for gym, so please make sure that your children have appropriate outdoor clothing.
- We will be providing students with accounts for reading websites, so that students will have additional access to books while at home.
- Members of the Learning Support Services teams who enter our building will be located in our Sensory Room.
- It has been recommended that, is possible, students who are able to, go home for lunch.
- When packing lunch items, we will be limiting contact as much as possible. *Please make sure that your children can open all of their snack and lunch items independently.* Children have a very difficult time opening fruit cups, and often spill very easily.

Safe Supports



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- The staff at PVS will be working closely, before September 8th, with families with students with additional needs to ensure a re-entry plan is in place that meets individual safety, learning needs, mental health needs, and physical health needs.
- Individual and small group interventions may take place with the addition of proper hygiene protocols, physical distancing, and sanitization of materials before and after each group.

Safe Activities



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- As a PVS staff, we will be continuously working on safe alternatives for recess and physical education activities.

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- PVS administration will be following up with registered families that are not attending, by September 15.
- Level 1 – Primary and Secondary Education Guidelines – As close to ‘normal’ as possible, with some additional measures.
- Level 2 – Will involve mask usage as determined by the Chief Medical Health Officer.
- Level 3 – Will involve reducing classroom capacity. The may include establishing cohorts and hybrid learning models as considerations.
- Level 4 – Would take us back to suspending in-class learning, and moving back to a similar model we saw this past spring, with divisions working at the local level to ensure learning continues. In this model, school would continue to be mandatory, albeit remotely.