



# Rosthern Community School

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To the Rosthern Community School families,

As we approach the start of September we can't help but be VERY excited to welcome students to our beautiful new facility. We are lucky to be in a new building that will make it easier for us to follow the COVID-19 guidelines that have been laid out in the Prairie Spirit School Division Return to School Plan (available at [www.spiritsd.ca](http://www.spiritsd.ca)):

- The school is made up of 4 distinct wings that allow us to keep distance between grade groups.
- We have the newest technology in ventilation and air flow systems.
- Washroom stalls are completely enclosed and not contained within a larger room.
- Water bottle fill stations are available throughout the school (in lieu of typical water fountains).

Although the provincial and division plans are very comprehensive, we know that families will also have questions about how we will ensure the safety of staff, students, and parents at Rosthern Community School. Both myself and Mrs. Foster have thoroughly read through these documents and have used them to guide the extensive planning work we are doing for RCS.

Each section below provides specific details about our school-based COVID-19 plans – as you read through, please remember that all plans are based on the information that is available **at this time**. We will communicate with families regularly through social media, email, and our school website as changes/updates become available.

## ***Guidelines that apply to the whole school:***

- Students at each grade level will remain within their grade groups throughout the day:
  - Each group will remain in their designated class and wing for most of the day.
  - Each grade group will only use their designated entrance and exit (preK/K, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, grades 7-9, and grades 10-12 each have their own set of doors).
  - At recess and lunch breaks, each grade group will be assigned their own location for eating and recreation (students are encouraged to eat lunch at home if possible).
  - We will not be having multi-grade activities or assemblies.
- Only Prairie Spirit staff and students will be permitted in the building as the school year begins.
- There will be no school sports, field trips, facility rentals, or guest speakers (until we receive further information).
- Educational associates will remain with designated students (and within consistent grade groups).
- Students and staff will utilize specific COVID-19 hygiene and cleaning practices:
  - Soap dispensers and hand sanitizer will be readily available for use.
  - All students have the option to bring and wear face masks; all staff, and students in grades 4-12, must wear masks in places where social distancing is not possible. If students forget their mask at home, we will have some available upon request.



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- High-traffic areas and high-contact surfaces will be cleaned thoroughly and frequently (including shared spaces like the gym, computer lab, art room, etc.).
- Teachers will be encouraged to continue to integrate the use of technology for students while they attend classes at school. Our consistent digital platform will be Microsoft Teams.
- RCS will follow the clear guidelines established by the Ministry and PSSD for anyone in the building who displays COVID-19 symptoms.

## ***Guidelines that apply to pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students:***

- Parents are able to drop students off (immediately prior to the 8:45am bell) and pick them up outside the designated preK/K doors (south doors near bus loop).
- preK/K students have their own outdoor play area.
- Teachers will remove some specific classroom items to discourage frequent contact.

## ***Guidelines that apply to students in grades 1-6:***

- All school supplies will be designated to individual students – there will be no sharing of school supplies.
- Students are encouraged to arrive as closely as possible to the 8:45am bell.
- Students will form grade-based lines outside of their designated entrances and enter their boot-room one grade at a time.

## ***Guidelines that apply to students in grades 7-12:***

- Grade 7-9 students are split into smaller cohort groups for math, ELA, science, and social studies to allow for greater social distancing.
- Teaching assignments have been altered to reduce the number of teachers per grade group and the total number of rooms being utilized by each grade.
- Transitions between learning spaces will be minimized (grade groups will spend an increased amount of time in a “home-room” location).
  - Directional signage will be available to guide students during transition times.
- Upon entering the building in the morning, students will proceed to designated grade-based areas (ex: homeroom class or recreation space).

We know that there will be many additional questions from families, and that our plan will continue to evolve over the new few weeks as more information becomes available. Mrs. Foster and I are committed to providing a safe return to school while still encouraging everyone to feel excited about our first year at RCS. If families have questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thanks!

Mr. Mitch Luiten