# E.E. OLIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RE-ENTRY PLAN

INFORMATION INCLUDED IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS PER THE GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL RE-ENTRY ACCORDING TO ALBERTA HEALTH

#### **Hand Hygiene**

- Each classroom will have a sink, soap, paper towels and hand sanitizer.
- Students will sanitize hands when entering the school in the morning and when leaving at the end of the day. They will also wash and or sanitize their hands before and after recess, when entering and leaving the gym and when entering and leaving the classroom, after washroom breaks, before and after lunch and snacks.
- Homeroom teachers will review proper handwashing techniques with students. Parents are asked to review these techniques with their children as well.



- Students in grades 4,5,6 and staff will wear masks in all shared areas of the school, outside the classroom and on school buses.
- In classrooms, during instruction, masks are not required when physical distancing guidelines are followed.
- During physical activities and while consuming food and drink in designated areas, masks are not required.
- It is optional for students in grades k-3 to wear masks.
- Classroom teachers will develop procedures for masks within their classrooms and when they are not in use.
- Parents are asked to send a minimum of two masks to school with their children each day. A breathable bag or container is also required for storage of masks when not in use. A sealable bag or container is required to place dirty masks in to go home for cleaning.
- Additional guidelines can be found on the <u>Return to School document</u>.

# Microwaves and Water Fountains

- Microwave ovens will not be used for the month of September. Use of microwave ovens will be re-evaluated at a later date when other procedures are running smoothly.
- Students are asked to bring a water bottle to school that is clearly labeled with their name.
- Water bottles will be sent home each day to be cleaned. Students may fill water bottles up
  at the water fountain or at the classroom sink.
- Although the fountains are open, students are asked to refrain from drinking directly from the fountain.

# **Screening**

- - Parents are asked to contact the school if their child has preexisting conditions (eg: Asthma, Allergies) to discuss how symptoms present and how to best recognize any changes that may occur in their conditions.
  - Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school using the <u>COVID-19 Self-Assessment</u>
  - Students who develop new symptoms that could be caused by COVID-19 are directed to stay home and seek health care advice as appropriate: Health Link 811, primary health care practitioner, or 911 for emergency response.



#### **Cohorting**

- Students will be kept in grade level cohorts throughout the day.
- All subjects will be taught in their homeroom with the exception of Physical Education, which will be taught outside, when possible, or in the gymnasium.
- Recess will be staggered, so that only one grade will be on the playground at a time.
- Only one student, at a time, from each class will be allowed to leave the classroom to use the
  washroom and only two students will be allowed to be in each washroom at one time. Students will
  be coached on washroom expectations at the school. Staff members will dismiss students for
  recess in a manner that allows for social distancing.
- After recess students will line up outside and enter the school under the supervision of a staff member.
- Lockers will be assigned according to classroom cohorts and the classroom teacher will monitor
  this so that a limited number of students will be at the lockers at one time to allow for social
  distancing.

#### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

- Mask use for kindergarten to grade three students will be optional where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
  - Furniture in classrooms will be arranged to maximize social distancing.



- Classes will be assigned doors to exit and enter the school. A
  Map will be posted on our webpage, facebook and is attached
  to this document.
- Students who arrive at school before 8:40 will be required to social distance outside of their assigned door until a supervisor directs them to come in and go to their classroom.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to walk their child to the door if the child has difficulty with social distancing.
- Parents/guardians are asked to remain outside the school and maintain social distancing when dropping off and picking up students.
- Parents are asked not to send students to school before 8:30
  and encouraged not to send them to school before 8:40, when
  students will be allowed to enter the building.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to maintain open communication lines with staff. Please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher via phone or email.





# **Expectations for visitors and volunteers**

If a parent/guardian would like to enter the building to meet with a staff member they must phone or email the school to make prior arrangements.

# **Transportation-bussing**

- Students will line up at the bus pick up in bus cohorts.
- Cohort lines will be 6 feet apart.
- Students will be wearing masks.

### **FOOD SERVICES**



- Breakfast program will consist of pre-wrapped foods such as granola bars and single serving yogurt cups. Trays of food will be provided to students in their classrooms and handed out to individuals.
- Students will only be allowed to eat in their homeroom.
- Students will be reminded to not share food.
- Soup/hot lunch program will be considered at a later date if proper food handling rules and hygiene are able to take place.

Risk Mitigation for High Traffic Areas

• Students not riding the bus will be dismissed from class and leave the school building by 3:25.

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   Please be punctual in picking up your children.
- Bus students will go directly to the bus line upon dismissal.
- Students will have muster points to meet their parents at the end of each day.

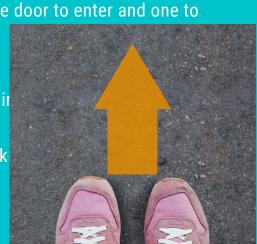
# **Expectations for Shared Use of Equipment and Resources**

- We are fortunate to have a variety of phys. ed. equipment that allows for single student use within a class.
- Students/staff will use hand sanitizer before and after using equipment.
- Equipment will be sanitized on a regular basis.



### **In Person Learning**

- Hallways will have directional arrows on the floor that will guide students and staff to
  walk on the right side of the hallway. The gymnasium will use one door to enter and one to
  exit.
- Field trips will not be taking place at this time.
- All students from grade 1 to 6 will be assigned a desk and chair in their homeroom.
- Grades will be assigned access to the library one half day a week to allow for proper cleaning to take place between cohorts.
- Students will not be allowed to work in hallways.
- Each student will be assigned a chrome book to be used exclusively by that student
- Traditionally E.E.O has a dedicated music teacher. To allow for smaller cohorts in all subject areas this is not the case at this time. Classroom teachers will be providing students with alternative music education such as those listed above.



## Response to Illness

- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school using the <u>COVID-19 Self-Assessment</u>
- During the school day, staff supervising students should ensure that:
- If a student is showing signs of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, new or worsening cough, difficulty breathing, runny nose or sore throat), the student is isolated where possible, and the parent/guardian is notified immediately to pick up the student.
  - Parents are asked to contact the school if their child has pre-existing conditions (eg: Asthma, Allergies) to discuss how symptoms present and how to best recognize any changes that may occur in their conditions.
- If a student is sent home due to showing signs of COVID-19, the parent/guardian calls 811and follows the advice provided by Alberta Health Services.
- If a student is required to isolate, teachers will supply assignments to work on. Parents are asked to contact the homeroom teacher if this is needed.

# **Auxiliary Spaces**

- School Assemblies will be virtually delivered.
- Auxiliary areas of the school shall be used to ensure social distancing and will be used for the delivery of various educational programs throughout the school.
- Common areas such as the ancillary room will only be used when proper sanitization can occur and distancing is able to be maintained.

At E.E.O our students' safety and wellbeing are our greatest priority as we begin the 2020/21 school year. We are closely following the provincial guidelines for school re-entry which has created many changes within the school. Therefore, some things will look a little different this year. As always, we are looking to our families to work together with the school to make this another great year for everyone! Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have. We value your input and believe that we are stronger when we work together. We are looking forward to a great year of learning together!

"It takes a village to raise a child". (African Proverb)

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