

# Busby

Re-Entry Document  
2020/2021

(updated Aug. 31st, 2020)

## Daily Screening for Illness

One new habit that we have to develop is daily screening for illness. All parents are expected to use the [Screening Tool](#) **each day** prior to sending their children to school. **Do not send your child to school if they are sick.** Unfortunately, the screening tool magnets you received from the division are now outdated as the Screening Tool has been updated by AHS. Please use the link above to ensure you are using the most updated version.

All Pembina Hills staff must use the screening tool daily as well. Anyone who is sick will not be allowed at school.

## Classrooms

Classrooms will be arranged to maximize social distancing between students while still maintaining a welcoming, positive and inclusive learning environment. All soft covered seating has been removed from the classrooms. Materials that must be shared will be cleaned between use and students will be prompted to wash their hands before and after use.

## Food

As in past years, a “no sharing” policy is in place. Please provide your children with lunches that minimize the use of communal microwaves as supervisors will be required to operate them.

## Pick ups and Drop offs

Parents who choose to drop-off and pick up their children can do so; however, we ask that you remain in your vehicles. Supervisors will be present to ensure students are safe. Parent drop-off parking will be located on the northside of the school parking lot. Please ensure that you pull in and park to drop off your children. With the constant flow of traffic and busses we can not have vehicles stop in the lane and have students ‘hop’ out. Students will be welcome in the building after 8:20. Any students arriving prior to 8:20 will be required to stay outside. Students will be lining up in classroom groups prior to entering the building to maintain cohorts. Parents will **not** be allowed to walk their children to class with the exception of students entering Kindergarten and those students who are new to our building. The school will be contacting these families to arrange staggered drop off times for the first day of school.

## **Transportation**

For those families with students travelling by bus, more information can be found on our division website at the link below. Click on the transportation drop down menu for all information related to bussing.

<https://www.pembinahills.ca/schools-programs/covid-19-information/returning-to-school-september-2020/>

## **Visitors to the School**

One of the main strategies of preventing the spread is limiting contact between people. This is why we ask that parents only visit the school for emergencies. All visitors and parents who enter the school **must wear a mask** and check in with the office upon arrival. Everyone is expected to self-screen before entering. Signs will be posted. Records of all visitors will be kept and shared with the Medical Officers upon request.

## **Wearing Masks**

All teachers and staff will be required to wear masks in settings where two metres of physical distancing cannot be maintained. Students in grades 4-6 will be required to wear masks during transition times, in public spaces, at times when social distancing is challenging and can choose to wear them when seated in class. Although masks are optional for younger students, we encourage students in Kindergarten through grade 3 to wear masks while riding the bus and in other public spaces where social distancing is a challenge. If a child begins to show symptoms during the school day, they will be provided with a facemask while they are in the sick room waiting for their parents to pick them up.

We have just received the provincial provided masks and will be handing them out to students on the first day of school. **All** students will be receiving 2 masks. Be sure to label the masks with your child's name before they return to school. Please ensure that students in grade 4-6 come to school with two clean masks daily. These masks will be sent home at the end of each day to be cleaned.

## **School Cleaning**

The Pembina Hills Plant Operations and Facilities department has coordinated increased cleaning of all school facilities. There will be increased cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas and equipment inside and outside of classrooms, in washrooms and in all auxiliary spaces. No touch faucets in the washrooms and additional hand-sanitizer stations have also been added.

## **School Supplies and Materials**

When creating school supply lists for the 20/21 school year the staff took into account that students would no longer be able to share supplies. Parents/families will **NOT** be required to purchase school supplies above or beyond what was listed on the school supply lists sent home with report cards at the end of June.

### **Water Bottles**

All students are required to have their own personal water bottle. Our water fountains have been shut off but students will have access to the bottle filling station. It is recommended that water bottles go home every night to be cleaned and filled at home before returning to school to reduce long lines at the filling station.

Items provided by the school like ukuleles, chromebooks and P.E. equipment will be cleaned after each use. Centre materials and used surfaces will be cleaned frequently in classrooms.

Library books will be quarantined upon return for a minimum of 72 hours. Books from classroom libraries will also be quarantined after use.

### **Recess**

We understand the importance for kids to play and socialize together and that the risk of spread is considerably low in outdoor settings. As such, our outside recess will remain very similar to last year with the exception of staggered entrances and exit times to maintain cohorts inside our building and reduce potential congestion in the hallways and boot rooms. Students will be required to line up prior to coming inside after recess.

### **Educational support during isolation/quarantine**

If students are required to isolate at home, teachers will provide missed work through Google classroom. More information will be shared with parents once classes are in session.

### **Pre existing conditions**

Be prepared to provide information to the school regarding your children's health. We will be sending out *student pre-existing conditions* forms with our demographic sheets this year for parents to fill out and send back to the school. It is important for us to know if your children have pre-existing conditions, such as allergies, that are similar to the symptoms of COVID-19. We consider this baseline information. If these baseline conditions were to worsen, the students should remain at home until they are symptom free, and have a negative test result for COVID-19.

If children begins to show symptoms that are not related to their preexisting conditions,  
-the school will contact the parents/guardians immediately  
-the student will be supplied with a mask and isolated in our sickroom until they are picked up.

Parents/guardians must be able to pick up their children if they become symptomatic.

***Please ensure that emergency contact information is accurate on student demographic sheets when they come home for updating.***

**Communication with Home**

We will continue to post all news and updates on our school website, [www.busbyschool.ca](http://www.busbyschool.ca) and our school Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/busbyschool/>

Starting this 20/21 school year we will be introducing a new comprehensive communication platform SchoolMessenger to help keep parents and guardians informed of all things Busby school related, including Covid updates. If you have not been receiving emails regarding re-entry please contact the school.

**Other Educational Options**

Our staff care deeply about their students, and are committed to ensuring your child has the skills they need to be successful. However, if you choose to keep your child home, we are here to ensure students continue receiving a high-quality education online. We encourage you to check out our Pembina Hills' distance learning school, Vista Virtual. <https://www.vvschool.ca/>