



# Hughenden Public School Re-entry Plan

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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 at <http://hughenden.btps.ca/documents/general/202021%20School%20Supply%20Lists.pdf>
- Each student will be provided 2 re-usable masks. You may wish to purchase other masks that are school appropriate (no drug, alcohol, offensive words, etc).
  - Inappropriate masks will be confiscated and a disposable one will be provided to your child for the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at each school entrance and classroom. You may wish to purchase other sanitizer – to be most effective, we recommend 65% alcohol based sanitizer.

### What will the first day of school be like?

- We will stagger the return of students over two days (September 1 and 2) before having all students attend on September 3.
  - Students in even-numbered grades - **Grades 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12** will attend school on September 1.
  - Students in odd-numbered grades - **Grades 5, 7, 9, and 11** will attend school on September 2.
  - ALL Students will attend on September 3.
- All HPS 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.
- ***Masks will not be distributed before the first day of school, students will need to provide their own mask for the first day. Please label the masks with your child's name to ease potential confusion.***

### 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 understand that students often have lots of materials that they wish to bring but these can also be brought to the school over various days as well.
- 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 may pick up students outside of the main doors or elementary doors. To ensure that the bus lane is clear, we ask that parents park in the parking lot across from the school.

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### 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 are 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.
- 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

- Student lunch breaks may be staggered.
- Each class will be designated a lunch room.
- To begin the school year, for the month of September, we will not be allowing microwave or vending machine use. Additionally, we will not be offering hot lunch programming at this time – we hope to re-introduce these soon once sanitation procedures and appropriate health measures are put into place.
- Junior and senior high students who wish to leave school for lunch are required to submit a signed permission form (only one letter per school year is required)

### Will the buses run?

Yes, buses will continue to run and students in Grades 4-12 and the bus driver will be required to wear a mask.

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## 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

- Two masks will be provided to each student (except for the first day). You may wish to purchase additional masks. If you are unsure what masks to buy, please feel free to consult with administration.

### Telling staff if they feel sick

- Students exhibiting signs of illness will be moved to a supervised, designated infirmary in the school.
- 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.

### Movement in Building

- Signs and directional arrows on walls and/or floors may guide movement in common areas and hallways.
- Floor decals will be placed at waiting areas such as bathrooms and the office to encourage physical distancing while waiting in line.

### Shared Equipment

- Students who shared equipment must wash hands before and after use.
- Parents/guardians must not allow students to bring toys from home.

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## Water Fountains

- Until proper sanitation and appropriate health measures are in place, all water fountains, except for the water bottle filling station outside the main office, will remain closed
- Please send your child to school with a full water bottle that can be refilled. Where possible water bottles should be refilled at a bottle filler station.

## 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 recess and lunch breaks to allow for physical distancing.
- 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 to compensate for physical distancing and sharing of equipment but low contact sports and games will be played. Additionally, physical education will occur outdoors as much as possible.
- Optional classes will run with some modifications to meet Alberta Health requirements
  - Option classes such as Shop, Home Ec. and Art have been set up as 6-7 week cohorts.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

- Most of these can continue with health measures in place.
  - Practices may occur at HPS, but interschool travel (league and tournaments) is not permitted at this time.
- Alberta Education continues to work with partners such as the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association to determine when interschool competition is safe.

### Field Trips

- Trips requiring transportation are not permitted in the fall of 2020.
- 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](#).

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## 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 will be removed.
- For the month of September, there will be no use of microwaves and vending machines
- 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?

- Physical distancing (excluding family members) must be adhered to at all bus stops. Where physical distancing can't be achieved face masks must be worn.
  - Masks must be worn prior to boarding the bus and kept on for the duration of the bus ride.
  - Upon arrival at the school, students should continue to wear their mask while entering the school.
- Buses will be unloaded in the order that they arrive, one bus at a time to ensure that physical distancing and flow are maintained
- In the afternoon, students should wear masks to exit the school and keep them on while boarding the bus.
- These processes are subject to change as flow and distancing procedures are mastered and/or changed.

## 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, please follow the "visitor protocol"
  - Fill in the online screening tool on the iPad provided (or on your personal device using the QR code), wear a mask, sanitize your hands and iPad screen and sign in at the office.