

TURNER VALLEY SCHOOL PARENT RELAUNCH COMMUNICATION PLAN
August 21st, 2020

Dear families,

We are so excited to welcome your child back to school! Our staff and school are ready to provide a safe, caring and welcoming environment with many layers of protection to keep our students and staff safe. We have protocols, plans and procedures in place to mitigate risk while still focusing on student engagement, learning and socialization.

As we begin the year, there will undoubtedly be some changes and modifications as we 'live' life back at the school. We are confident that we will navigate through the challenges and make any adjustments necessary to ensure student and staff well being and safety.

Today you will receive notification of who your child's classroom teacher will be. Next week on August 27th, they will receive an official welcome email from their teacher.

Please remember the deadline to register your child for Hub@Home is Wednesday, August 26th at 12:00 noon. If you do not choose this option, your child will automatically be placed in a grade for in-school classes at Turner Valley School. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Leah at 403-652-0333.

We have missed you all so much and can't wait to see you soon.

Thank you in advance for your patience and support.

Sincerely,

Leah & Ryan

On July 21, the government of Alberta announced that all schools across the province will be in [Scenario 1](#) for the 2020-21 school year. This means all Foothills School Division (FSD) schools will be open for full time in-person classes.

While FSD will begin the year in Scenario 1, it is possible that we may have to transition between scenarios during the school year. Public health officials will work with school authorities to make the decision to transition to partial in-class learning or at-home learning based on multiple factors including the number of COVID-19 cases in a zone or a school and the risk of ongoing transmission.

Any changes to the school relaunch scenario will be determined by Alberta Health and Alberta Education with information on local school-based and zone information. We will

remain in communication with the Alberta government and will continue to follow their advice.

Your family has a choice on how your child will continue their education for the 2020-21 school year under Scenario 1. We are providing the below information to assist you in this decision. All FSD schools will follow the [FSD 2020-21 School Relaunch Handbook](#) as they prepare for Scenario 1. Highlights of the School Relaunch Handbook include:

Division-Wide Health Measures

Before School

- Before School: [Government of Alberta's COVID-19 screening questionnaire daily](#). An updated form is now available, please update the link to: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/56c020ed-1782-4c6c-bfdd-5af36754471f/resource/6607784e-b42e-46c2-ba76-031c3b0217c5/download/covid-19-relaunch-daily-checklist.pdf>. Please destroy any copies or links to the old form available at: <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/edc-covid-19-screening-questionnaire-english.pdf>

On the School Bus

- Students with symptoms must remain at home and not board the school bus.
- Families are encouraged to have alternate transportation plans in place. Routes may be cancelled with short notice as part of the FSD COVID-19 Response.
- Students in Grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear masks. Younger students are being asked to wear masks if possible.
- Once on the bus, students will have an assigned seat. Students from the same house will sit together.
- Each bus will be cleaned twice daily.
- The Province is encouraging parents who can provide transportation to do so. This will allow school divisions to reduce numbers on buses, assisting with physical distancing and other health measures.

Arriving at School

- Students will have an assigned door they must use to enter and exit the school. When they arrive at school, students will go to an area outside their door and wait. Staff will be outside to remind students to distance.

- Students in Grades 3-12 must wear masks when entering the school and when within a common area. Students may also be asked to wear masks within the classroom when physical distancing is not possible. If a student arrives without a mask they will be provided with one.
 - Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks if they are able to do so.
- Parents are asked to stay in their vehicles if they are dropping their children off at school. Adults will be required to schedule an appointment before entering the building.

Specific to Turner Valley School:

- On the very first day of school when your child attends (see the staggered entry dates below) we ask that your child arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m. (with the exception of bus students). Students will meet their classroom teacher **out on the field**. There will be no access to the playground in the morning during the first week of school.
- 1. Portable Door: Grade 2 (Mrs. Klafki)
- 2. Front Door: Grade 4 (Ms. Irving/Mr. Hayden)
- 3. South Door: Kinder (Mrs. Saunders), Grade 1 (Mrs. Park), and Grade 1-2 (Mrs. Gouin)
- 4. Southwest door: Grade 3 (Mr. Ellis), and Grade 3-4 (Mrs. Corson)
- 5. West door: Grade 5 (Mrs. Dow), and Grade 6 (Mrs. Berrigan)
- 6. Northwest Door: Grade 5 (Ms. Mappin)
- Note that all doors will be marked and that staff will be present on the first day of school to ensure that students know the location of their entry door.
- *Due to the fact that we have a Grade 3/4 classroom, we are asking all students in Grade 3 and 3/4 to wear masks when entering the school and when within a common area. Students may also be asked to wear masks within the classroom when physical distancing is not possible. If a student arrives without a mask they will be provided with one.

In the Classroom

- Students will be assigned seating at school and teachers are planning lessons that reduce the need to share materials. If materials are shared they will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Staff are encouraged to teach outside when possible, students should come to school with appropriate clothing to spend time outdoors during the day.
- Students and staff may be involved in regularly cleaning personal equipment and their desks and tables.

Specific to Turner Valley School:

- While the weather stays moderate, students will be asked to bring one pair of shoes to school, which can be worn inside and outside. This will alleviate crowding in our boot rooms. When the weather turns inclement, we will revisit this policy.

Recess

- Students will stay with their classes for recess.
- Recess will be staggered throughout the day to allow for more space between students.
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Specific to Turner Valley School:

- Students will be organized into two co-horts within the school. Each group will go outside at different times therefore alleviating congestion on the playground. The field and playground will be divided into zones so that students are spread out while playing.

CO-HORT A:

Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 1/2, Grade 2, Grade 4

CO-HORT B:

Grade 3, Grade 3/4, Grade 5, Grade 5, Grade 6

Lunch

- It is highly recommended that parents send their child to school with a water bottle that can be refilled.
- Families should send student food in clean containers with their own utensils. Students will not be allowed to share utensils, dishes, and water bottles or drink containers.
- Students will be expected to pack-in and pack-out all food each day.
- All students will have to wash or sanitize their hands before and after eating.
- Microwaves will not be available and students cannot order food to the school.
- Students will remain with their class to eat lunch.
- All food served at schools will be in pre-packaged portions and shared condiments will not be allowed.
- Lunch times will be staggered as much as possible to keep students distanced.

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Throughout the Day

- Locker use will be minimized for student use to aid in hallway traffic flow and to assist with physical distancing. Cube storage (cubbies) will remain open for jackets/boots only with staggered procedures in place.
- There will be posters and other visual cues to remind students to properly distance while in the hallways. Use of common areas will be limited.
- Staff will move throughout the school as much as possible to prevent students from having to switch classes. Students will be organized into smaller groups (cohorts) that remain with one another as much as possible.
- To reduce the number of cohorts across Foothills School Division, at this time all extra-curricular activities remain cancelled. This includes school sports and league & exhibition play (pending further review of current provincial guidelines).

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Grade 3, Grade 3/4, Grade 5, Grade 5, Grade 6

Enhanced Cleaning

- Throughout the day, custodians will clean and disinfect the school with a focus on high touch surfaces.
- After school, custodians will follow an enhanced daily cleaning protocol.
- Specific to Turner Valley School: All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer and hand washing protocols will be established on the first day of school.

Illness Response

If a student develops symptoms while at the school, they will be provided a mask and isolated from other students. Parents will be notified to pick up their child immediately (within one hour). Please ensure the school has an emergency contact listed for your child in the event you are unable to pick up your child.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

If there are cases of COVID-19 identified within school settings, the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Zone Medical Officer of Health team will work directly with Foothills School Division to provide follow-up recommendations.

We respect the privacy and confidentiality of personal information and personal health information. Information will be shared on a need to know basis and at the direction of Alberta Health Services. Wherever possible AHS will communicate directly to individuals potentially affected by exposure.

Transportation Eligibility

- **School bus transportation will be available to eligible No Fee students only.** No Fee Transportation includes students registered in Foothills School Division and attending a school within their designated attendance boundary or students directed to a school outside their attendance boundary school for regional programs (such as French Immersion and Inclusive Learning programs). In both situations, families qualify for transportation based on the following conditions:
 - Students whose residence (home address) is 2.4 kilometres or further from their designated school; or
 - Students in kindergarten to grade 3 whose residence (home address) is 1.6 kilometres or further from their designated school and who do not have an older sibling to walk with.
- FSD will be unable to provide transportation for unqualified families during the 2020-21 school year. School bus transportation will not be available to User Pay students in accordance with provincial protocols designed to limit student cohort sizes. This includes students whose residence (home address) is closer to their designated school than the distances outlined above, school families who decide to send their children to an FSD school of choice outside their designated boundary, and guest riders.

Turner Valley School Health Measures

Staggered Entry

- In order to establish appropriate routines and protocols, we are going to utilize a staggered entry to start the year; this ensures that small numbers of children are in the building at a time.

As such, the first day of school for students will differ by grade level.

- **Monday, August 31st:**

Grade 1, Grade 1-2 and Grade 2 students, as well as the Monday/Wednesday kindergarten class **ONLY**

- **Tuesday, September 1st:**

Grade 3, Grade 3-4 and Grade 4 students, as well as the Tuesday/Thursday kindergarten class **ONLY**

- **Wednesday, September 2nd:**

Grade 5 and Grade 6 students, as well as the Monday/Wednesday kindergarten class **ONLY**

- **Thursday, September 3rd:**

All students are present at school

- **Friday, September 4th:**

No school for students (operational day to review and make adjustments to safety protocols)

- **Monday September 7th:** Labour day- No school

- **Tuesday September 8th:** All students return to school

School Arrival / Dismissal

- On the very first day of school when your child attends, we ask that your child arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m. (with the exception of bus students). Students will meet their classroom teacher out on the field. There will be no access to the playground in the morning during the first week of school.

Student Entry/Exit doors are as follows:

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- Note that all doors will be marked and that staff will be present on the first day of school to ensure that students know the location of their entry door.
 - School entry protocols will be established in the first week of school (e.g.- two classes will be entering through the same door- we will establish which group enters first, how they are to move through the boot rooms etc. so that congestion is eliminated).

Visitors to the School

- In the initial stages of school relaunch, parent volunteers and non-essential visitors will be limited and may only enter the building with advance permission from the school. Please email the school to make an appointment. When accessing the school, visitors must pass a health assessment, wear a mask, and sanitize their hands upon entry.

School Supplies

- Students will be asked to label their personal items and not share.
- All students in Grades 4 to 12 must have a clean reusable cloth or disposable mask with them as part of their supplies each day.
- Students in Grades 4 to 12 will be provided with two reusable cloth masks prior to school restart.
- Students should bring their own filled water bottle to school each day (please label with name).

Food & Nutrition

- Students are responsible for opening all containers and packages in their lunch. Please do not send anything in your child's lunch that they cannot easily open themselves and avoid items that need to be microwaved.
- Lunch protocols - Students will be eating in their classrooms
- Nutrition program - There will be no communal fruit bowl in the office. A limited amount of individually wrapped food supplies will be present for students forgetting their lunch.

- Hot lunch program - Further details around the hot lunch program will be communicated at a later date.
- The sharing of food is not permitted. Birthday treats should not be sent to school.

Next Steps for Families

- Don't forget to complete the FSD School Relaunch Survey. A unique link was emailed to each family on Friday August 14th. If you have not received your survey link, please contact records@fsd38.ab.ca. It is important that every family complete the survey to indicate your child(ren) will be returning to in-person full time learning or full-time Hub@Home online learning.
- Confirm your contact information is accurate, including emergency contact info, by contacting your school at...
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