



Round Hill School

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We are looking forward to having students back in the school and have been working hard to ensure a safe learning environment during our year together. Remember, classes start on Thursday, September 3. We can't wait to see you!

BRSD continues to work to ensure the safety of all staff and students. We know that, especially right now, things can change quickly. Please watch the [BRSD School Re-Entry \(Fall 2020\)](#) section of the BRSD website for ongoing updates. Following you will find excerpts from the [BRSD School Re-Entry Plan](#) as well as specifics on how this plan applies to students at Round Hill School.

Key Points:

- We are here to support you!
- Each student is required to complete the [checklist](#) at home daily, the checklist does not need to be brought to school
- If your child shows any symptoms, keep them home
- If your child becomes sick at school, you will be asked to pick them up immediately

Communication

Information will be shared via:

- **BRSD website** in the section called [School Re-Entry \(Fall 2020\)](#).
- **Social Media:** through the BRSD Facebook and Twitter feeds.
- **Round Hill School website:** <https://rhill.brsd.ab.ca/>

If you can't find the information you are looking for at any of these locations please contact the school principal (Brian Horbay) at 780-678-6588.

Wellness: Safe, Calm, Connected

It is the goal of the BRSD Wellness Support Team to help all students and staff feel safe, calm and connected at school. There remains in place a school wellness team which includes a Family School Liaison worker and a Mental Health Capacity Building team member. They will work with Round Hill School staff to meet the needs of our school community.

Layers of Safety

Our school plan depends on many strategies that work together:

- **Screening:** Everyday before coming to school each student and staff must complete the [BRSD Daily Self-Assessment Screening Questionnaire](#). Do not bring this to school. If your child exhibits any symptoms, please keep them home. If a student exhibits symptoms at school, they will be removed to the sick room and parents will be contacted to pick up their child immediately. When students are in the sick room, their temperature will be taken with an infrared thermometer and any other symptoms noted.
- **Cohorting:** Round Hill School has established cohorts to limit the number of close contacts staff and students will have in the school. These cohorts are based around current grade level splits: K; 1/2; 3/4; 5/6; 7-9.
- **Physical Distancing:** We will promote physical distancing throughout the building where possible. Where physical distancing is not possible, students will be seated in their desks so they are not facing each other.
- **Hygiene:** The most effective ways to limit transference are hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (coughing/sneezing into your arm). Throughout the day these hygiene practices will be taught, highlighted and reinforced. Sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and many points throughout the school.
- **Masks:** At Round Hill School, and across Alberta, staff, visitors, and students in Grades 4–12 who are physically, psychologically and developmentally able to wear a mask will be required to do so when physical distancing at school and in the classroom is not possible. We are asking that grade 3 students wear masks as they are part of a grade 3/4 cohort. As well, we welcome younger students in grades K-2 to wear masks if they are capable of doing so and comfortable with a mask. Two cloth masks will be provided to all students from K-9. We will have disposable masks available if needed. When students are out for recess and physical distancing, they will not be required to wear masks. In the classroom when all parties are working individually seated at desks, masks may also be removed.
- **Access to School:** We would love to talk to you! Please make an appointment through the main office because all exterior doors will be locked at 9 am and remain locked throughout the day. If a student is late, they can ring the doorbell on the main entrance and someone will let them in.

Parent Council: Meetings are approved to go ahead with the necessary safety protocols in place. More information will follow.

Daily at Life at School

Daily life will look different but, as always, safety, relationships and education are at our forefront. Students will be required to physically distance, practice good hygiene and wear masks as outlined above. There will be no field trips, gatherings, or assemblies. As well there will be limited school-based extracurricular activities including no sports competitions.

- **Drop off and pick up:** Students will enter through designated doors. Grades K-2 will enter at the NE entrance beside the gym, grades 3-4 will enter through the main entrance on the west side of the school and grades 5-9 will enter through the east entrance. For our students' safety, when dropping off your children, please do not enter the staff parking lot. Unfortunately, at this time, **parents will not be allowed to enter the school without an appointment.** All school doors will be locked at 9 am, late students are asked to ring the doorbell by the main entrance and they will be let in.
- **Lockers:** Students will be allowed lockers. Lockers will be adequately spaced to accommodate physical distancing. High touch surfaces of the lockers will be cleaned multiple times during the day by custodial and school staff.
- **Seating:** On the bus and in the classroom, students will have assigned seating.
- **School Supplies and Shared Learning Equipment:** Students must have their own school supplies as there will be no sharing of supplies. Materials that have to be shared will be cleaned after each user.
- **Washrooms:** There will be a maximum of 3 students permitted in the washroom at one time.
- **Water Fountains:** Students will be able to fill water bottles at our bottle filling station outside the main office. Please do not send athletic squirt water bottles. Fountains will remain closed.
- **Recess:** During recess students will be asked to physically distance and stay within their cohorts. We will get students outside as much as possible.
- **Food:** Once we get settled, students will have access to the Breakfast Program. Grab and go snacks, such as granola bars and fruit cups, will be available in each classroom. There will be **no microwaves available to reheat lunch.** Students will need to ensure they bring a lunch that does not need to be heated or cooked. Students will not be able to bring snacks to share with the entire class. With limited access to the school, we will not be able to accommodate lunch drop offs during the day. We understand that this is a drastic change to procedures in the past. We appreciate your support in helping to keep us all safe and healthy.
- **Library:** At this time, students will not have direct access to the library, but books will be brought to the classroom. When returned, books will be disinfected.
- **Music and Band:** Due to provincial guidelines, wind instruments and singing are not permitted at this time. Teachers are busy planning for alternate fine arts activities.
- **Volunteers:** Community is our richest resource however, at this point, we are unable to accommodate volunteers.
- **School Cleaning:** In addition to the regular after school custodial duties, additional custodial

staff will be available during the school day, from 10 am to 2 pm, to clean high touch surfaces and high utilization areas.

If you have any questions that can not be answered by this document, please contact the school principal (Brian Horbay) at (780) 678-6588.