

Return to School

Information for Students, Parents, and Guardians

Grimshaw Public School

2020-2021

The following information guide has been prepared to align with the Peace River School Division (PRSD) 2020-2021 School Relaunch Plans, which are available [here](#).

Hand Hygiene

- Staff and students must use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and every time they enter and exit the classroom and between certain learning activities.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be positioned throughout the school with instructions. Hand washing instructions will be posted in all bathrooms.
- Staff and students are encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

Mask Use

- Two reusable masks have been provided for and will be distributed to all K-12 students. Masks are required for grades 4-12 students and optional for grades K-3 students.
- Masks are required to be worn by all grades 4-12 students, except while seated in their classroom working or eating lunch. In classrooms, masks may be removed while students are seated at their desks while working or eating.
- Students will likely require use of more than one mask during each school day.
- Masks are required to be worn by all staff in all settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Masks may additionally be worn by staff and students in any grade at any time.
- In the case of essential visitors, and where previous arrangements have been made, visitors must wear a mask at all times in the building.

Classroom Materials

- Classroom and student materials cannot be shared among students.
- Materials such as manipulatives and books may be assigned to one student for a period of time and then sanitized and/or quarantined by the teacher before use by another student.

Student Materials

- Students will not have access to lockers at this time. Students must bring their belongings in a backpack to their classroom each day and remove their belongings each day.
- It is very helpful if all student belongings, including masks, are labelled with their name and last initial.
- Students are asked to bring only minimal belongings with them each day, and items such as toys may not be brought to school at this time.
- Students are encouraged to fill up their water bottle daily at a water fountain or at the classroom sink. Students take their water bottles home daily for cleaning.

Classroom Organization

- Most classrooms will have student desks in pods of 4 with plexiglass shields and individual desks as far apart as possible. Seating will be assigned and adhered to for at least the full day.
- Classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized every day and high touch points will be sanitized at regular intervals throughout the day.

Cohorting

- Each elementary and junior high grade will be considered an individual cohort. Students from individual cohorts will not have planned time to interact with one another, including at lunch and at recess.
- Students in Kindergarten to Grade 9 will remain in their individual classrooms and teachers/staff will move between classrooms as needed.
- Grade 10 to 12 students will continue to move between classrooms, with classes assigned to minimize the number of different students interacting throughout the day.

Regular Day Drop-Off/Pick-up and Dismissal

- Parents and Guardians must remain outside of the school to drop off and pick up their children. They must not enter the school unless previous arrangements have been made with the school office.
- Designated student entrances have been established. Please see the attached map for details.
- On regular school days, students will enter the building as soon as they arrive at the school between 8:30 and 8:45 and proceed directly to their classrooms. The playground will not be accessible to students before school.

- Walking and Parent-Pickup students will be dismissed by cohort and escorted outside at the end of the day, after bus students have boarded buses. The playground will not be accessible to students after school.

Physical Education

- Physical Education classes will be held outside, weather permitting, for the time being. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. Change rooms will not be available at this time.
- Physical activity will be planned to maximize physical distancing wherever possible and limit the sharing of equipment. Masks are not required when students are engaged in physical activity.
- Hand hygiene will be emphasized before and after participation in physical education and equipment will be sanitized between classes.

Multiplex, Library, and Atrium

- The Multiplex, Library, and Atrium facilities will be inaccessible to students during the school day for the time being, including to access the concession vendor.
- Grade 11 and 12 students on a spare will have a designated space within the school or may leave the building. The Atrium, Multiplex, and Library are unavailable at this time.

Lunch

- Kindergarten to Grade 9 students will eat lunch in their seats in their regular classrooms. Students are not permitted to share lunch items.
- Grade 7 to 9 students are only permitted to leave the building at lunch with signed parental permission (attached). These students who are permitted to leave the building for lunch are encouraged to go home for lunch and not congregate with other students.
- Grade 10 to 12 students have designated lunch rooms or may leave the building for lunch. These students are encouraged to go home for lunch and not congregate with other students.
- Hot Lunch and the Nutrition Grant will not be in place at the start of the school year, so students are reminded to ensure they have a packed lunch each day.

Recess

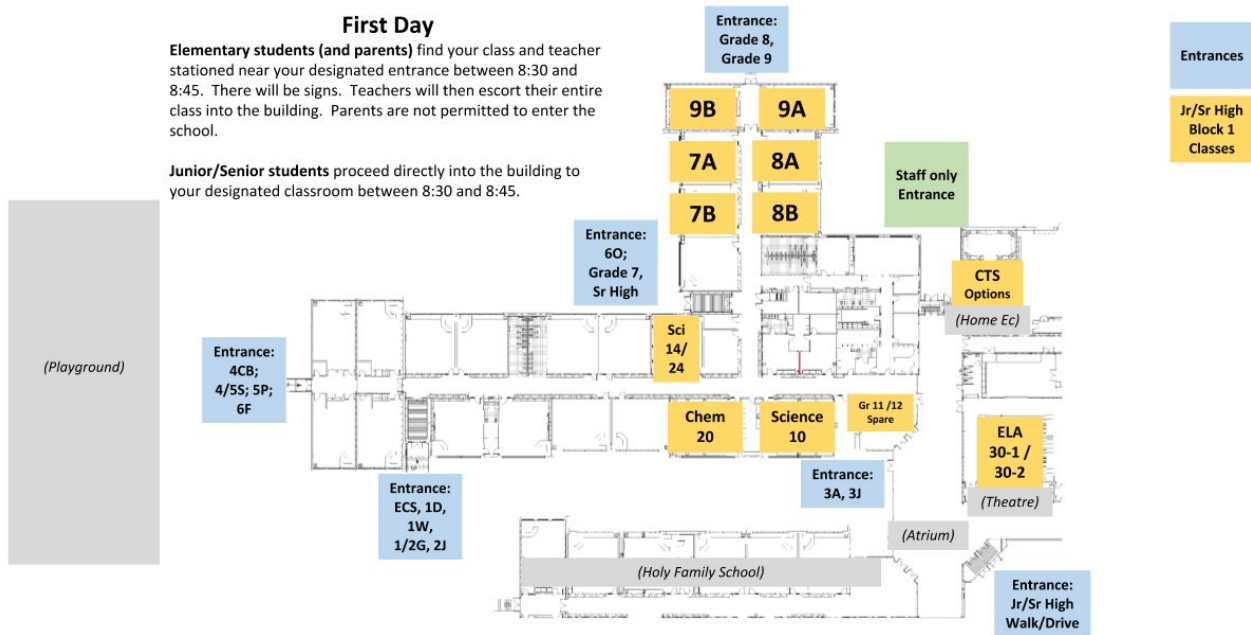
- When students are engaged in physical activity and are maintaining as much physical distance from one another as possible, they do not need to wear a mask at recess.
- If students are engaged in other activities at recess such as talking and visiting, they must wear a mask if not physically distanced.
- Recesses are staggered by grade division and cohorts will be separated into designated zones.

Student Illness/Screener

- As usual, Grimshaw Public School is an allergy-aware building as we have a number of students and staff with life-threatening food allergies. **Peanuts, shellfish, and watermelon are not permitted to be brought into the building.**
- Before leaving home each day, staff and students must self-screen for symptoms using the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) and follow the directions contained within. Proof of completed forms is not required by the school.
- If a student develops symptoms of COVID-19 that are not related to a documented pre-existing condition, their parent, guardian or emergency contact will be called to pick them up immediately and the student will wait in the office. Further instructions will be provided to the parent, guardian, or emergency contact upon their arrival. See the [Student Illness](#) guide from Alberta Health.
- If you are concerned that your child will be sent home due to a pre-existing condition, please contact administration prior to the start of school.

First Day of School - Tuesday September 8th for Gr. 1-12

- Grade 1 to 6 teachers will meet their students outside near their designated entrances (see map) from 8:30-8:45 on the first day of school. Clear signage will be posted. The playground is not available to students before (or after) school.
- Parents are welcome to meet their child's teacher while outside, but will not be permitted to enter the school.
- Grade 7 to 12 students will proceed immediately through their designated entrances, and will be directed to their assigned classrooms by staff members.
- Grades 4-12 students are encouraged to arrive on the first day of school already wearing a mask. Students not wearing a mask will be provided with their two additional masks before they enter the school.
- Supervisors will be available outside to help direct students as needed.
- As students will not have access to lockers, they are encouraged to only bring essential school supplies on the first day of school. In their Welcome Emails, teachers will indicate which school supplies to bring.
- At the end of the day, walking and Parent-Pickup students will be dismissed by cohort and escorted outside at the end of the day, after bus students have boarded buses. The playground will not be accessible to students after school.



Attachments and Other Resources

- [First Day Map and Designated Entrances](#)
- [Parental Permission for Gr. 7-9 Students to Leave at Lunch](#)
- [Parents' Guide - 2020-21 School Year \(Government of Alberta, August 21\)](#)
- [Student Illness - If a Student Has Symptoms \(Government of Alberta, August 28\)](#)
- [Screening Questionnaire, Daily Health Checklist \(Government of Alberta, August 20\)](#)
- [PRSD Quick Guide for Families](#)
- [PRSD School Relaunch Plans](#)