



Entwistle School Newsletter

August 2020



Home of the Entwistle
Eagles

Our Vision:

Our students possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact, the world.

Entwistle Students show:

P- purposefulness

R- resilience

I- independence

D- dignity

E- empathy



Principals Message

August is almost over. Everyone is looking forward to seeing our students again. Here is a quick guide of the most frequently asked questions. The full document on [Entwistle Re-Entry](#) should still be read as a family. If after reading either document, you have questions do not hesitate to email or call the school. Please remember staff members, parents, and students must not enter the school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. We all share in the responsibility of keeping each other healthy. I am happy to welcome everyone back to the 2020-2021 school year!

Opening Days

Students in grades 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 will attend on Aug 31st and grades K, 1, 4, 7, 9 on September 1st. All students will be in attendance on September 2nd. Please read the [transportation protocol](#) for students taking the bus this year. Seating plans will be mandatory on buses. For those families that chose Option 2 - Teacher Supported At-Home Learning this option will start up after the Labour Day long weekend. More information will be sent to parents of Option 2 students soon.

When They Arrive

On the first day, students will be asked to keep their masks on until they are in their classrooms. Students will have an area provided for them to line up outside with physical distance between them. Staff will assist students in finding these areas. Teachers will then show their students to their cohorts' entrance and show them where to put their shoes and where to sanitize their hands.



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Entering the School and Masking

All outside visitors to the school; including parents will be required to put on a mask, hand sanitize, sign in for contact tracing. Please read the mandatory [mask protocol](#) and [site entry](#) documents before the first day of school. As part of a number of new school safety measures to combat COVID-19, mask use for all Alberta Grade 4 to 12 students, and all school staff, will be mandatory across Alberta when school returns. We will support and encourage mask wearing for all students including those in K-3. If you have any questions please call the school and we will clarify when/where masks will be worn.

Drop off/Pick up

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:15, as supervision begins at 8:15. Students will not be able to enter the school earlier and wait in the common spaces. Exceptions will be made for weather conditions.
- Students are to be picked up and dropped off either on 51 Street, using the marked crosswalk, or in the visitor parking lot. When dropping off your child in the morning, please use these areas as the bus lane is needed for our buses and we want to ensure the safety of our students. Too many vehicles in front of the school can be very dangerous, as drivers have a difficult time seeing the pedestrians. Please do not drive into the school entrance or staff parking lot. Thank you for helping us all have a safe way to school.
- Adults bringing students to school will be asked to stay in their vehicle or outside the school, and to maintain a safe physical distance between themselves and others. Those who need to enter the school must book an appointment with the school office. Individuals without an appointment will not be able to enter the school past the front office.

Pre-existing Health Conditions

Please let the office know prior to school starting if your child has a pre-existing condition that may display with COVID-19 symptoms. This will help provide a known baseline for your child's common symptoms. Entwistle School will keep records of a student's known pre-existing conditions. If a student develops symptoms in or outside of specified conditions that could be caused by COVID-19 or by a known pre-existing condition (i.e. allergies), the student should be tested for COVID-19 at least once to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before entering or returning to the school.

Remember to Screen

At the end of the newsletter is the self-screening document. Before arriving at school, all students, staff or visitors must self-screen for symptoms using the supplied checklist. A copy DOES NOT need to be submitted. We all need to work together to keep healthy this year. Please read the [School Entry](#) protocol. If your child develops symptoms that could be caused by either COVID-19 or by a known pre-



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existing condition (e.g., allergies), they should be tested for COVID-19 to confirm that it is not the source of their symptoms before entering or returning to school.

Illness at School

If a student develops symptoms while at the school, the student will be asked to wear their mask or a non-medical mask if they are able to, and be placed in the infirmary. The parent/guardian will be notified immediately to come and pick up the student. The [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) should be used by families to determine whether the student needs to be tested for COVID-19 or if a home isolation is required. Please read pages 5 & 6 of the [Entwistle Re-entry](#) guide for full details.

Lunch and Recess Schedules

To assist with physical distancing, students have been divided between group A and Group B. There will be no microwaves available to students at this time. Please make sure to send lunch each day. If you forget a lunch at home please contact the school before dropping off items. Parents and visitors to the school will be required to put on a mask and hand sanitize before entering. Grades 6-9 students with parent signed consent will be allowed to continue to leave school grounds for lunch at this time.

11:37-11:52 (eating) 11:52-12:22 (recess)	Group A	Gr. K, 1, 6-9
12:10-12:27 (eating) 12:27-12:57 (recess)	Group B	Gr. 2, 3, 4/5

Morning and afternoon recess will be supervised by the teacher with the class cohort. Times will be determined by the teacher to support physical distancing.

Optional Items for Re-entry

- Students are to be encouraged to bring a water bottle. The water bottle filler on the fountain will be available for students.
- We encourage students to bring personal hand sanitizer
- Please send a bag for students to store their used masks in.
- Send a change of clothes/socks for any cases where they may need to change. Students will be outside for many activities including Physical Education classes.
- Please make sure students are wearing proper outdoor clothing so they can play outside comfortably. Consider sending a hat for outdoor activities.



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Students Personal Item Storage

Lockers will not be used at this time. Each student will have a personal bin in their classrooms to store items while at school. If you have questions about this choice please contact Ms. Blair.

Important Document Links

Most recent news and protocol updates: [PSD Homepage News](#)

School Re-entry document: [Entwistle News](#)

School Council/FOELS Meeting

The first School Council meeting of the 2020/2021 school year, will be on Monday, September 21st at 3:30 by Google Meet. The link to the meet will be posted with the Agenda in mid-September. Please consider joining the School Council and/or FOELS this year. FOELS sponsors many clubs, sporting events, activities, equipment, and busing that benefits all the students of Entwistle.

Ms. Blair
Principal



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PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL.

A copy DOES NOT need to be submitted to the school each day unless requested to do so (based on individual school/program needs).

Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

1. Do you, or your child attending the program, have any of the below symptoms:		CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you or your children attending the program had close <u>unprotected</u> * contact (face-to-face contact within 2 metres) with someone who is ill with cough and/or fever?	YES	NO
4.	Have you or anyone in your household been in close <u>unprotected</u> contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

* 'unprotected' means close contact without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

If you have answered “**Yes**” to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

If you have answered “**No**” to all the above questions, you may attend school.