

AUGUST 31st UPDATE

Dear Dorothy Dalglish School families,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for more information. My staff and I have been meeting and planning intensively over the past few days. Please be assured that we have considered safety in everything from arrival and departure, recess entry and exits, recess protocol, hallways procedures, classroom social distancing, and more. Please read carefully through the following information. It is a great deal of information, and could be even more lengthy, but I tried to find a balance between informing and overwhelming. If you have any remaining questions, please contact me or your child's teacher and we will do our very best to find an answer.

ONLINE LEARNING:

As of the moment this letter is being sent, what online learning will look like is still uncertain. Depending on exactly how many families in Palliser choose online learning, and what the demographics of said families are, online learning could look one of two ways. One, Palliser will deal with it as a whole district, or two, each individual school may provide online services. Either way, it WILL NOT look like it did in March to June. My classroom teachers will be just that - teaching the in-person curriculum. As soon as I know more, and if you requested online learning services, I will contact you. It may not be for a day or two AFTER school starts as we need to know numbers before decisions are made.

STAGGERED ENTRY:

To provide students with the safest entry possible, we are observing the following staggered entry format:

- Wednesday, September 2nd **ONLY** grades 1, 3, and 5 will attend school.
- Thursday, September 3rd **ONLY** grades 2, 4, and 6 will attend school.
 - NOTE- Kindergarten will have a "meet and greet" by appointment only on Thursday, September 3.
- Friday, September 4th will be **NO SCHOOL** for students - staff will meet and ensure plans are working, and tweak what isn't working.
- Tuesday, September 8th - all students return to school as normal.
 - Please note, Early Learners are having a staggered entry different from this. If you have an Early Learner and did not receive a letter from Mrs. Watson, please contact the school.

Please feel free to access the link below for Palliser's COVID 19 re-opening guidelines, to which we adhere.

<https://www.pallisersd.ab.ca/download/287291>

What will drop off and pick up look like? COVID has forced us to be very strict and regulated with "outside visitors". Unfortunately at this time, parents are considered to be outside visitors. For the time being, no parents will be allowed in the school without an appointment.

- Please drop your child off at the sidewalk for arrival time (no earlier than 8:30), and wait there in the afternoon at dismissal time to pick them up. **Do not enter school property.**
- Kindergarten and grade 1 students will have a school adult ready to receive them for the first few weeks until the children are more accustomed to the routines.
- All the busses will make their way through the parking lot, and it will be very controlled so please be aware that drop off and pick up times will be very busy and congested. **Do not enter the school parking lot.**
 - If you need to pick up your child before bus dismissal at 3:15, phone the school and we will send your child out to meet you.
- Children will not be let into the school before 8:30 - **do not send your child before then.**

- **What are bell times?**

Opening bell is at 8:45, and the bus dismissal bell will be at 3:15 Mondays to Thursdays.

On Fridays, the opening bell is 8:45, and the bus dismissal bell will be at 12:15.

Doors will not open before 8:30 - do not send your child before then.

Children who do not ride the bus will be dismissed after all the bus students have loaded and departed. We hope that this will eventually take no longer than 10 minutes, but initially, until routines are established, please expect there to be a longer lag time. This is part of the reason why we have a later start time and an earlier dismissal time than is typical. Again, if you need your child to be dismissed before the bus bell, call the school and we will send them out to meet you.

It is preferable to have a warning - for example a text or call to Mrs. Stauth or your child's teacher the morning thereof (or sooner). However, we recognize unexpected events and emergencies happen.

- **Lunch and snack:**

- To keep contact to a minimum to keep your child safe, please ensure that as much as possible, your child has food they can open/ access themselves without adult help to open, peel, etc.

- **School supplies:**

- Please send your school supplies to school clearly labeled. Students will be able to access only their own supplies - there will not be sharing of supplies. Backpacks are okay. Please make sure your child has a pair of indoor shoes that remain at the school. Please send a clearly labeled water bottle to reduce mouth-to-spigot contact with the water fountain.
- No toys or equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, etc.) allowed at this time.

- **MASKS:** If your child is in grades 4 - 6, they will be asked to wear their mask upon entry. Please make sure that they have a mask for their entry day. The two government-provided masks will be handed out when the children arrive on their staggered entry date.

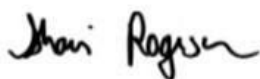
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| August 31 | September 1 | September 2 | September 3 | September 4 |
| Teachers collaboration and planning | | Grade 1, 3, and 5 ONLY | Grades 2, 4, and 6 ONLY Kindergarten "Meet and Greet" by appointment only | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. ALL STAFF assess and tweak COVID 19 protocols to best ensure student safety. |
| September 7 | September 8 | | | |
| NO SCHOOL for staff or students | School resumes for all students as normal. | | | |

As mentioned earlier, if you have any remaining questions or concerns, please contact me at:

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We all are looking forward to seeing your child at school!

Your partner in education,



Ms. S. Rogerson

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