



# Bothwell School

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## 2021-22 Bothwell School Specific Fall Plan

Welcome Back to All Our Students and Families!

Bothwell staff welcomes you to our 2021-22 school year! Our team is taking time prior to the first day of school to plan for the arrival of all of our K-8 students. Be assured that the health, safety, and well-being of everyone in our school is a top priority. We are working together and we thank you for trusting us as we prepare for your child to have a safe place to return to in-class learning.

The following specific information about our initial plans during the pandemic planning is in addition to our school handbook that you can find on our school website. As we are given updates from the division and/or the MB government, families will be informed of revisions to plans.

Please see attached links of Manitoba Government documents outlining important information for school systems that have been followed in our school plan:

[Restoring Safe Schools Planning Guide for 2021-22 School Year Guide For Parents, Caregivers, and Students](#)

The updated provincial COVID-19 response for the Kindergarten to Grade 12 education system is available at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html) and <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/about.html>

If you have further questions or concerns, please feel comfortable to contact me at [lrekrut@hsd.ca](mailto:lrekrut@hsd.ca).

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank our Bothwell families for your continued partnership and support. We enthusiastically look forward to seeing and welcoming our students return to school and we look forward to many learning opportunities and experiences for this school year!

Go BADGERS! #badgerpride

Respectfully,  
Mrs. L. Rekrut  
Principal

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## **Meet the Teacher/Welcome Back Event**

Prior to the start of the school year, teachers will connect with their students and parents to have the opportunity to see the learning environment and bring their supplies. Families have the opportunity to sign up on parent portal or may call the school for times to visit in smaller group settings to meet in person on Tuesday, September 7 between 3:30pm - 5:00 pm.

## **Public Health Safe Protocol for School Entry**

### School Attendance

~All students, staff, and visitors are to self- screen prior to school entry. The COVID-19 Screening Tool is online if needed: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>. Keeping potentially sick or infected or symptomatic people out of the building helps reduce the probability of community-based transmission of viruses. All families are reminded that students must stay home when sick or exhibiting any symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19. Any person who exhibits signs and symptoms of illness are asked not to enter the facility and to seek applicable health testing as required by Public Health. If a student is displaying symptoms and/or not feeling well, the school will contact guardians for their child to be picked up to go home.

~Immunocompromised needs? Please contact the principal for further assistance and information regarding immunocompromised situations.

### Hand Hygiene

~Everyone entering the school is to access the available hand sanitizer. Stations are available at entrances. All classrooms have hand sanitizer stations. Signs to remind students about hand washing/sanitizing are posted and direct teaching and guidance to all students will be ongoing. Staff will take time to go over the routines for proper hygiene, and avoiding overcrowding in common spaces/hallways. Directional arrows will help with traffic flow in the hallways.

### Masks

~At this time, wearing of masks is mandatory for Kindergarten to Grade 8 students as well as for all staff/visitors as per guidelines of the current Public Health Orders. This is a current protocol and we will inform families of Public Health updates as they change. There may be times when school setting activities permit masks breaks during your child's school day (outdoor learning, snack/lunch, recess, physical activity, and when socially distanced 2m or more). Students will be required to wear masks when in hallways, washrooms, and when walking around in classrooms (anytime less than 2m apart). This practice is similar to how we set up our learning environment last school year and now we are including all grade levels. Please have your child(ren) bring masks to school.

## **Classroom Setup**

Current regular classroom seating arrangements may need to change to follow Public Health orders and staff will implement one or two meter distancing if available room and as required by Public Health orders. Staff are planning as best possible to accommodate for mask break areas in the classroom seating arrangements.

## **Cleaning & Sanitization**

~Custodians have specific cleaning protocols and plan for an increase of facility sanitization of high traffic/touch areas and washrooms. Equipment/supplies may be used by children as they follow appropriate hand hygiene before and after use.

~HSD is ensuring the supply of hand soaps, hand sanitizer, and an extra disposable mask if they forget their own. Handwashing practices are in place and the sanitizing stations are available for use by students and staff.

## **Designated Entrances/Exits for Students**

Students, upon their arrival, may enter the building in their cohort classroom groups between 8:55-9:00. Please do not send/drop off students earlier than 8:55. Bussed students arrive no earlier than 8:55. Dismissal will also be structured to be staggered in cohorts to avoid larger groupings.

~Kindergarten, Grade 1/2, Grade 2/3, and Grade 3/4 classrooms will be entering/exiting the south, main entrance of the school.

~Grade 5/6 will enter/exit the north doors of the school

~Grade 7 and Grade 8 will enter/exit their classroom doors (direct entry to hut classroom). These students will also access the gym by walking outside instead of through hallways as much as possible (weather permitting).

## **Transportation**

*~If your child has arrangements to bus to school:* as per Public Health, all bus passengers, as well as the driver, are required to wear a mask. These masks should be put on before getting on the bus and taken off after exiting the bus, as is appropriate. Students will sit in assigned seats. These seats will be the same seats used every day. Where possible, students will be seated one student per seat. If this is not possible, students from the same household or in-school cohort may be seated together.

## **Cohorts/Classroom Transitions**

*Classroom transitions:* at this time, students are able to attend all classes as per our timetable schedule (including Physical Education, Music, Library, and Tech ed for grade 7 & 8 students). Staff may also hold classes outside.

*~Cohort grouping of classes:* these groups are in place to help with efficient follow up in case of contact tracing for Public Health.

## **Student Use of Facilities**

*Washrooms:* A system is in place for students to use the washroom facilities in order to avoid crowds and waiting times. Our bathroom sinks have new touchless water taps.

\*Kindergarten students have their own washroom and sink in their classroom.

\*The washrooms in the gym will be available during times when class is in the gym. Students in grade 5-8 are able to bring a change of clothes for gym class at this time.

*Water Fountains:* Students may use the touchless water tap to fill their own water bottle (but please fill water bottles at home first).

### **Teaching and Learning Practices**

As directed by Manitoba Education, in-class learning for our K-8 Bothwell Students will occur with additional public health measures. Staff plan for a period of reorientation to classroom routines, rebuilding community and relationships, and planning for instruction. Staff focus upon best teaching practices as this will continue to be essential to instruction including direct teaching of hand hygiene and mask protocols within their classrooms.

Bothwell staff is committed to support your child's learning needs and assess ways to promote students' social, emotional, and academic progress. The mental well-being of students, families, and staff are a priority and we want to work together to support continued growth. Ongoing assessment, observations, and conversations will help teachers to plan for instruction and student needs. Please see our Social Emotional Learning School Goal and all school goals on our website's school goals report. ([www.bothwell.hsd.ca](http://www.bothwell.hsd.ca))

### **Public Health Protocol if There is a Positive Case in the School**

In the event of a confirmation from Manitoba Public Health of a case of COVID-19 connected with a student/staff member of our school, Public Health will lead the response and provide guidance. In accordance with confidentiality of personal information, Public Health will provide messages for school administrators to share with parents, staff, and students when a case is confirmed in a school.

Decisions about school or class closures will be made on a case-by-case basis with public health leading the response and providing guidance.

### **Communication**

Our staff values open and respectful communication with our families. We need to continue to support each other and respect each other.

It is with our utmost sincere intentions to share with you our plans for providing a safe as possible and caring learning environment for your children.

In terms of general inquiries, you may first seek information through your child's teacher. Please contact or involve the school principal if you feel more clarification is needed or you would like to chat about our school planning. We are here to collaborate with you and to keep the best interest of your child at the  of our work.