Welcome Back!

Hello Brevoort Park Families!
We are very excited to be welcoming you back to school, whether you will be with us in person, participating virtually through the Online Learning Center, or have a different family plan from home. Please know that we are here to support you regardless of your plan and you will always have a home at Brevoort Park.

While the Parent Reopening Handbook will serve as your main reference for what school will look like moving forward, this plan is intended to provide additional school-specific information that relates to our Brevoort Park context. If you are looking for additional details, there is a good chance you can find it in the Parent Reopening Handbook. Information in this Brevoort Park plan, and the parent handbook is subject to change throughout the year. You will be notified of any changes.

Our staff will be phoning your family by September 4 to welcome your child to their new classroom and to explain the process for the first week of school (staggered week September 8-11). We will send a follow up email as well in case we missed you by phone. Your questions in the meantime are always welcomed.

Our Brevoort Park family is a truly special team. We have supportive parents, extended family, students, community members and caring staff that all work together to care for our children.

No matter what this year brings, we will be in it together, and we will make it a year our children will always remember.

Your Partners,

Mrs. Chantelle Balicki (Principal)
& The Brevoort Park Staff
Registration and Staggered Start

Families new to Brevoort Park School were invited to register at the school in person on August 26 (9:00-11:30 am) and receive a school tour. Please contact our front office if you have missed this date and will need to register for the first time.

We are not hosting a traditional registration day for returning students.

Look for our “welcome back” video on our Brevoort Park School social media accounts that will serve as an open house. It will give you a sneak peek at some of the physical changes students will notice when they come back to school, and will highlight a few main guidelines to be aware of.

If you are a returning Brevoort Park family, you will be receiving a phone call from our front office staff this week to confirm your intentions for this school year (in-person regular classes at Brevoort Park, Online learning through the OLC, or an alternate family plan). Please phone or email us if your plan changes, as this will impact our classroom configurations.

If you need to meet with the principal, or our front office team to assist you through a special circumstance prior to September 8, please phone our office to set up an appointment. We would be happy to assist you.
The first week back to school will be a **staggered start**:

- half of our students will attend on Tuesday September 8 and Thursday September 10
- half of our students will attend on Wednesday September 9 and Friday September 11
- regular classes begin on September 14 for all students together

All efforts will be made to ensure siblings will attend on the same staggered days.

This staggered start will allow for students to see the space and learn routines alongside smaller groups of students within their cohort and to create a more positive experience for students as they learn the new guidelines and transition back to school. The staggered start will be implemented across the entire school division, not just at Brevoort Park.

You will receive an email or phone call from your child’s classroom teacher informing you of their staggered start schedule by September 4 that will provide more details.

**Kindergarten staggered start:**

- each kindergarten student will attend one half day the week of September 8-11.
- your kindergarten staggered start date will be communicated through our front office

**if you have not heard about your child’s classroom placement or staggered start schedule by 1:00 September 4, please contact the school**

**Safety Precautions**

**Anyone exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms must stay home**

The health and well-being of students, staff members, and families is our top priority. Every morning before your child leaves for school, please check to see if they are experiencing any of the symptoms outlined on page 8 of the [Parent Reopening Handbook](#). If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms **do not send your child to school**. Contact Healthline 811 for assistance and contact the school to report your child's absence using school messenger, or by phoning our office at (306) 683-7110.

If a student is referred for testing after calling 811, they must remain at home and self-isolate until they have received their results and direction from the health authority.

If there is a positive Covid-19 case linked to Brevoort Park School the Saskatchewan Health Authority will notify the school division. Saskatoon Public Schools will not be sharing the names or health information of students or staff. Our school division will work with public health officials to determine next steps.
Isolation Space

All schools will be asked to have an isolation space for anyone with COVID-19 symptoms who cannot leave the facility immediately. If a student is showing symptoms, they will be isolated in this space and provided with a medical mask until they can be picked up.

Our isolation space is called the “clubhouse” and is a separate room in our main middle hallway. We chose it due to ease of supervision and visibility and because it is a room students are already familiar with working from in a variety of settings. Your child will be treated with dignity, kindness and warmth if they ever need to wait in the clubhouse.

Mask Use

Students in grades 4-8 are required to wear a mask upon entering the building and hallways. Masks are required at all times in the school day where social distancing is not possible, including within the classroom. There may be times in the day where a “mask break” is possible, e.g. during outdoor learning. Students in grades 4-8 returning to in-person learning will be required to wear a mask for most of their school day.
Students in Kindergarten to grade 3 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as well for the majority of their school day.

Extra masks are available at school if a student requires one and does not have their own.

All staff members will wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. Some staff may choose to wear additional protective wear such as a face shield over their mask.

A face shield is not a substitute for a mask, but may be worn over top of a mask if a student chooses. Bandannas, ‘gators’ or buffs are not a permitted substitute for a mask.

Our staff will provide educational opportunities for students to practice wearing their masks and will teach to proper usage of masks with assistance from the CDC Guidelines and Public Health Agency of Canada.

A lanyard with a breakaway clasp for safety will be provided to students to store their mask when not in use (e.g. outdoor play, during a mask break). There are varying suggestions on the best ways to keep your mask safe when not in use. Though we will provide a lanyard to each child, if your family has an alternate solution for mask storage that you wish to provide at your own cost, you are welcomed to (e.g. fanny pack, carrying case for pocket).

Our school will provide paper bags for masks to travel home in student backpacks at the end of each day for washing. Families are free to create a different plan for mask storage in their children's backpacks should they choose (e.g. a container, earbud/sunglasses case, visual separation of clean/dirty mask...)

We encourage families to practice wearing a mask at home and in public spaces so students will be more familiar with what it is like to wear a mask for an extended period of time at school.

**Hygiene**

Staff will teach to the specific Hygiene practices outlined in the Parent Reopening Handbook. Signage will be available at hand washing stations and in washrooms as a visual reminder of proper hand washing practices.
Changes to Entry and Exit Policies

To limit traffic and help with social distancing in the building, students should be dropped off outside the school, or walk/ride their bikes to and from school independently. Our students need the extra space in our hallways to maintain a safe distance and to move more freely on their way to class. You may wish to establish an outdoor meeting point as a family for after school pick up. Parents can utilize street parking in front of the school and along the side of the park. Please do not park in alleyways that block the garage entrances of private residences.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the main office to make an appointment if they need to come to the school. At this point, we request this occur only if necessary. An exception to this is during kindergarten staggered start where kindergarten parents will be assisting their child in arrival to and from class for the first time. Appointments can be made by contacting us at the info listed at the bottom of this document.

If entry is required, parents and caregivers will be asked to use the front door, or the back boot room door where they will fill out a health questionnaire via a smart phone QR code posted on the door. The back entry is locked 5 minutes after our morning bell but our front entry is open all day. Visitors will be required to sanitize their hands and wear a mask upon entry.
Hand sanitizing stations are available at the front and back entry. Paper copies of the QR code questionnaire and extra masks are available at the front entry if you require one.

For students: we will be utilizing all 6 entry/exits in our building to promote better social distancing in our hallways and boot rooms. Your child will be assigned a classroom entrance/exit door, a place to store outdoor footwear, and an "outdoor muster point" to wait until hallways are clear for entry.

Stand back to give social distance  follow arrows as you walk in halls  sanitize hands when you enter school

PCDC Daycare and Before and After School Program

Our PCDC Daycare and Before/After School Program will run as usual, with some guidelines in place. Please see communication from PCDC for more information.

Families dropping off/picking up from PCDC will need to enter through the side or back daycare entrance rather than the front school doors. Parents will be required to wear a mask, and sanitize hands as they enter PCDC.

Students who attend PCDC daycare as well as preschool or kindergarten at Brevoort Park School will be walked from daycare by a PCDC staff member to and from their classrooms.

Bussing

Brevoort Park School does not offer bus service.

Muster Points

Students will be assigned a "muster point" as an outdoor meeting area. They will meet at their muster point upon arrival to school at first bell, after recess, and after lunch. Muster points will be color-coded and labeled and we will practice together how to use them. Teachers will guide students from the muster point to their assigned entrance when the hallway is clear.
Students in grades 4-8 will be required to put on their mask as they line up at their muster point to enter the school. Students in grades K-3 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask as they line up at their muster point.

**Students Arriving Late**

Students who arrive late will come to the front office for a late slip. The location has changed since last year. We are asking students to line up on the "social distancing stickers" by the front entry so Mrs. Ly can assist students from her front window.

The front doors will remain open all day. Other exterior doors may be locked during class time. Late students may need to enter through the front door, regardless of their assigned entry.

**Recess and Lunch Procedures**

Students who can go home for lunch are strongly encouraged to every day. Limiting the number of students who will eat in their classrooms will help us better follow health guidelines.

Students who must stay for lunch will remain seated at their desk/table area. They will be responsible for sanitizing their eating space before and after eating.

Students will be assigned "play zones" and cohorts which consist of 1-2 classrooms of similar ages that are able to play together throughout the day. We will color-code these zones to help students with this new routine and have created a large school bulletin board as a teaching visual. Play zones and student cohorts will remain consistent throughout the year, as per health guidelines.

Under current guidelines, shared recess equipment will be limited and used within smaller groupings of students within a cohort. Our staff will work with students to introduce new creative games that that are more socially distanced that will add to their recess repertoire.

Students will sanitize their hands before and after recess and before and after lunch.

**Outdoor Learning**

Outdoor learning is highly encouraged by all classrooms across all grades. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for all weather and have brought a water bottle to school each day.

Students may bring personal sunscreen to use at school and are advised to apply it at home as well before arriving to school.

"Field trips" or out of school learning experiences will be limited to ensure guidelines are being followed. Teachers will communicate in advance any plans to leave our school grounds and the details of the excursion.
Extracurricular Sport, Activities and Clubs

At the direction of the Saskatoon Secondary Schools Athletic Directorate (SSSAD) fall sports will be cancelled (Cross Country, Volleyball). This will be re-evaluated through the year.

Due to cohorting, regular in-school clubs supervised by staff will not be able to meet in person (e.g. zoo club, math club, performing arts).

This plan will be reviewed and updated throughout the year.

Our staff are creative and are currently looking for alternative solutions to build school community and culture.

Band

Band in grades 6-8 is currently “on pause” for the month of September in all Saskatoon Public Schools. This will be re-evaluated throughout the year.

Nutrition

Students will bring their own snacks and lunch (if they are not able to eat at home). Due to health guidelines, sharing of food will not be permitted.

Hot lunches, school-wide meals, or activities involving food preparation at the school are temporarily suspended until health guidelines change.

Families who do not have access to a daily healthy lunch should contact our front office. Our CHEP lunch program will continue to support families in need.

Due to hygiene guidelines, our student-led recycling program is temporarily suspended. Students who bring recyclable items in their lunch or snack will be asked to pack their recyclables back into their lunch kit to bring back home. Waste-free lunch practices are strongly encouraged to limit the need for students to exit their seating areas during lunch/snack time.
Storage of Student Supplies

At Brevoort Park School we do not have exterior, individual lockers in our hallways. All locker "cubbies" are located inside the classroom.

All students will be required to keep their personal items in their own backpack and their outdoor clothes on one hook. Teachers will send small groups to shared locker spaces to discourage crowding at the locker areas during transition times.

Students will use their own classroom supplies as sharing of supplies is not permitted.

An amended school supply list was emailed to families and posted to our Brevoort Park website (under "registration information") on August 26 to ensure students have all their own supplies contained at their own desk/table space.

Washroom Use, Water Stations and Traffic Flow

Red arrows are affixed to the floor to indicate traffic flow. Generally students are asked to "stay to the right" when walking in the hallway.

We have 4 student washrooms at Brevoort Park and they will be cohorted to reduce contact.

- Junior girls (K-2/3)
- Junior boys (K-2/3)
- Senior girls (grade 3/4-8)
- Senior boys (grade 3/4-8)
Washrooms will be limited to 6 people at a time. Students in grades 4-8 will be required to wear a mask in the washroom. Students in grades K-3 will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask in the washroom.

Washroom schedules will be created for high-use times such as before and after recess and lunch.

Students are asked to bring their own water bottle from home, filled with water every day. Water fountains have been turned off and replaced with water bottle refill stations.

**Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports**

In addition to the section in the Parent Reopening Handbook on supporting students we want to make sure families are aware that as always, students who need additional support for their well-being may receive support from the school counselor. Parents who believe this support may be necessary can reach out to their teacher or administrator to discuss.

The counselor will work with the team to determine appropriate supports, which may include direct support and/or assisting students and families to access other services in the community.

Well-being is one of our four student goals in our school division strategic plan and will be a central focus to our staff's work this year with students.
Family Check-list

☐ Arrival and dismissal plan your child can complete independently (limiting parent entrance to school)
☐ Personal hand sanitizer, unscented (at least 60% alcohol)
☐ Plan for a clean mask at school each day, with a storage container (if preferred over a paper bag)
☐ Contact information up to date at main office
☐ Notify school of your program choice (in-person, online, other)
☐ Personal water bottle
☐ Emergency child-care plan on days when your child is not able to attend school
☐ School supplies labeled with child's name/initials
☐ Register for e-Health online (recommended)
☐ Snacks or packed lunches your child can independently open
☐ School supplies for first staggered start day
☐ A can-do attitude and a willingness to learn new routines and work together

Though this year will look different, Brevoort Park School is still the same loving place. We are sure to have a great year if we can work together to support our students. It truly takes a village.

Feel free to contact us throughout the year as questions arise. We will do our absolute best to answer them within the guidelines we've been provided.

Take good care, and we will see you soon.

Contact us!

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And follow us on social media.

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