Hello, Lakeridge families. Our staff members are very happy to be back in the building, preparing for our students to start back on September 8th and 10th or September 9th and 11th. Staff members were busy on Tuesday contacting families to confirm registration either in our school or with the online classroom format. Many staff remarked how great it was to speak with parents and reconnect. We have missed you!

As was stated on Tuesday, homeroom teachers will be contacting the families of the students in Grades 1-8 about their specific classroom on Friday, September 4th. They will inform you what students should bring to school on their staggered start days and where they will be meeting their class on the tarmac before school.

We appreciate your patience with all of this. It is difficult to plan for something that no one has ever experienced before. We will find that our plans may need to change over the days to come but we will communicate any big changes to all families, should it be necessary.

Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook

Please refer to the Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook for general information on Saskatoon Public Schools reopening plan. This parent handbook provides detailed information on many important topics including:

- Safety Precautions
- Curriculum and Assessment
- Support Services
- Food and nutrition programs
- Facilities
- Students.

The guidelines of the Parent Handbook will be adhered to by our school along with elements specific to our school.

The following information represents our school specific plan for a safe return to school at Lakeridge School. Please note that the plan is subject to change at any time based on direction from Saskatchewan’s Chief Medical Health Officer. Changes will be communicated as they occur.
Safety Precautions

- **KEEPING SICK KIDS HOME**: If your child is ill, exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms, they MUST be kept at home. Families are encouraged to contact the Saskatchewan Health Line at 811 to speak with a health care professional.

- Please contact the school if your child is ill. You may leave a message or speak directly with Mrs. Vawter. (306) 683-7320.

- **Visitors**: Any parent wishing to enter the building MUST call ahead and discuss this with Ms. Leel or Mrs. Rathour. Upon arrival they will be required to scan the QR code located on a poster at the front entrance that will ask questions regarding their health at that moment. We will also have some paper copies available.

- All visitors MUST wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon entry to the school.

- **Isolation room**: Should a student or staff member become ill while at school, we will have an isolation space set up in a corner of the library. The student or staff member will be taken there, supervised by another staff member until they can be picked up. Should your child become ill, you will need to pick them up as soon as possible. Supervising staff will wear a mask and face shield when with someone in this space. After pick-up, the space will be sanitized by our caretaking staff.

### School Day Schedule

Students should not arrive before 8:30 am. All playgrounds are off limits. They will not be permitted into the building until they enter with their teacher and class.

Upon arrival at school, students will gather on the tarmac in designated areas on the tarmac. Ms. Leel will be painting these specific areas onto the tarmac. This is where students will meet, physically distance in a line and wait for their teachers to enter the building.

Teachers will meet their students at the specific classroom meeting place and will walk with their students into the school.

- First Bell 8:35 am
- Morning classes 8:40 - 11:30 am
- Recess 10:25 - 10:40 am
- Lunch 11:30 - 12:20 pm (50 minutes)
- Afternoon classes 12:20 - 3:05 pm
- Recess 2:00 - 2:15 pm
- Dismissal 3:05 pm
Student Entrances

We have designated boot room entrances for specific groups of students:

- Junior Boot room – K-2 will enter and exit here.
- Senior Boot room – Grade 3-5 will enter and exit here.
- Portable Boot room – Grades 6-8 will enter and exit here.
- Front Door – Functional Academics Students and Intensive Support students will enter and exit here.

Recess

At recess times, students will be grouped into groups of 2 homeroom classrooms/cohorts of approximately 60 students. It is easier to physically distance outside so this is permittable. These groups will be assigned to certain areas on the playground, tarmac, field, etc.

We will also use some flexible scheduling for recess times. One half the school will be out in the morning, the other out in the afternoon. Classroom teachers will have the flexibility to take their students outside between recess times as well, to ensure that we can get students in and out of the building without congestion in the boot rooms and hallways, and to make sure students are able to move their bodies outside and stay active.

We will be using playground equipment that is not “handled” by many people at recess times. However, because this is difficult with students using the playground apparatus, handwashing and sanitizing will be very important once they come inside after recess. Teachers will also work with their students to learn games which avoid close contact with other people. Students are not to bring toys and playground equipment from home. Cell phones will not be permitted at any recess time.

Each classroom, boot room and entrance will have hand sanitizer available for students to use to sanitize their hands.

If there is a need for indoor recess, students will remain in their classrooms.

Lunch

We request for students to go home whenever possible. The following is the schedule for lunch and lunch recess:

- 11:30 – 11:55 – Junior grades will eat their lunch; Senior grades will go outside for recess
- 11:55 – 12:20 – Junior grades will go outside for recess; Senior grades will come inside and eat
- All students will eat in their own homeroom classrooms.
- Any garbage or recycling must be taken home by the students. As much as possible, please pack lunches that are waste free. Lunches must be self-contained including cutlery. Our school will not supply cutlery.
- The outside play zones will be the same as they use for morning and afternoon recess times, with the same grouping of students as at other recess times.
- The equipment they use outside will remain the same as other recess times.
- Students will sanitize their hands when they enter the building/classroom.
Entering and Exiting the school

We will stagger classes’ entry into the school, giving each group time to remove their shoes and clear the boot rooms. The same will happen when students are exiting either for recess times or at dismissal time.

At the end of the day, teachers will walk their students out of the building. It is expected that all students go straight home. Siblings can meet up outside on the tarmac at the end of the day.

Bussing

- Drop off – When students arrive by bus in the morning, they are to go around to the back of the school by the playground/tarmac. Students are asked to physically distance in their designated meeting place on the tarmac until the bell goes. There will be staff members supervising bus students when they arrive.
- All students riding the bus MUST wear a mask on the bus.
- After School – Students will be walked by their teachers out of the building.
- Bus students will make their way to their bus. There will be staff supervision.

Parking and student drop-off/pick-up

At all times:

- please adhere to the drop off and pick up zones that are posted on the streets around the school
- **Parents are NOT to park in staff parking to DROP OFF or PICK UP their children.**
- **Please do not park in bussing zones.**

Staggered start grades 1-8

- September 8th-11th have been set for students to stagger their start.
- As per the phone calls by staff on Tuesday, August 25:
  - September 8 and 10 - Students with last names starting with A-L will attend.
  - September 9 and 11 - Students with last names starting with M-Z will attend.
- There will be bussing for these days.
- Homeroom classroom teachers will re-confirm on September 4th, which days your child/ren will attend for the week.
- This will allow for students to see the space and learn routines alongside a smaller group of students.
- Regular classes begin on September 14th.
Kindergarten Specific Information

- Mrs. Krauss has been in touch with all kindergarten families to arrange their staggered start dates for the week of September 8-11.
- Bussing for Kindergarten is effective September 14, 2020.

Storage of Student Materials

- Teachers will be creating systems that will allow students to access their lockers in a manner that will allow them to distance as much as possible. All materials necessary for the day will be kept in the classroom, with the student. Teachers will have storage methods for students to store and keep their belongings separated.

Flow of Traffic Through the School

- All doors are designated either ENTER or EXIT.
- During the day all exterior doors will be locked. Any parents/visitors that have arranged to be here by appointment, can access the building through the front entrance.
- There are arrows on the floors showing the direction students and staff should be walking, similar to those at grocery stores.

Parent/Caregiver Access to School

- As stated in the Parent/Caregiver Reopening Handbook, “Parents/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 that this occur only if necessary.”
- If necessary, please contact Mrs. Vawter at the front office: 306-683-7320. She will forward your request to Ms. Leel or Mrs. Rathour.
- Parents and all other visitors MUST enter the school through the front doors each time they have an appointment.
- There will be a QR code on a poster at the front door and paper copies of the Covid-19 questionnaire. This MUST be done prior to gaining access to the school.
- Once inside, all visitors must use hand sanitizer. It is located just inside the front doors.
- All parents/visitors must wear a mask.
- The best mode of communication to alleviate the need to come into the school would be to either call the main office or email your child/ren’s classroom teacher or Ms. Leel leelj@spsd.sk.ca
- Kid’s Time has communicated with all the families what their plan for students is, including enter and exit, pick up and drop off protocols.
Hygiene

- All students MUST wear masks to access the washrooms because physical distancing will be extremely difficult.
- Teachers will monitor the number of students accessing the washroom throughout the day.
- Caretaking staff will be sanitizing throughout the school 4 times a day, cleaning all push/pull surfaces and washrooms.
- Classrooms with have designated washrooms.

Mask Usage

- As stated in the Parent/Caregiver Reopening Handbook, “Grade 4-8 students are required to wear masks when appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained.”
- Masks are strongly recommended for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students.
- Staff are required to wear masks at all times when appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained.
- As was stated in our phone calls on Tuesday, August 25, physically distancing in classrooms will be extremely difficult. All students should be wearing their masks whenever possible in the school.
- When physical distancing is achievable, mask breaks may occur (i.e. outdoor learning).
- All students are required to wear masks while riding the bus.
- All students are required to wear masks while using the washroom.
- All visitors must wear masks.
- Saskatoon Public Schools will provide one reusable mask for each student. Additional disposable masks will be made available to students when needed and required.
- Students are welcome to bring their own masks but they must be school appropriate.
- In some situations, wearing a mask may not be possible for a student. In these instances, school staff members will work with parents/caregivers to consider accommodations. More information can be found on the CDC website.
- Staff members will be provided with a reusable mask and face shield for use as needed. Staff members may also choose to use their own mask.
- More information about the proper usage of masks or face coverings is available from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

- In addition to the section in the Parent and Caregiver Reopening Handbook on supporting students we want to make sure that families are aware of that as always, students who need additional support for their well-being may receive support from the school counsellor. Parents who believe this support may be necessary can reach out to their teacher or administrator to discuss. The counsellor 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. Opportunities to learn about and practice well-being exist across multiple curricular areas.