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Bezanson School Re-entry Plan Overview

Bezanson School is prioritizing a safe and positive school experience for our students. Please know that we have taken proactive steps to keep all staff and students safe. We will continue to follow the direction of Alberta Health Services, the Government of Alberta, and the Peace Wapiti School Division. The information below is an overview of some of the frequently asked questions regarding re-entry. I will also be discussing this plan tomorrow in our virtual parent council meeting (August 26th 1:00 pm).

All students and staff must self screen at home for symptoms each day using the screening tool [Screening Questionnaire](#). If an individual answers “yes” to any questions, they are not permitted to attend school and will need to follow the directions as per Alberta Health Services.

Parents/guardians must provide information with regard to their children’s pre-existing conditions with the school. Please email Christy Ewert at the school christyewert@pwsd76.ab.ca to provide this information. Students with pre-existing conditions are recommended by Alberta Health Services to be tested for COVID-19 before returning to school.

Bezanson School will be running two timetables this year: one for Junior High and one for Elementary. This will allow for recesses and breaks to be staggered and allow us to have three cohorts based on division. The cohorts will be DIV 1 (ECS – Grade 3), DIV 2 (Grades 4-6), DIV 3 (Grades

7-9). Please see below the bell schedules for both elementary and Junior High students.

| Elementary Bell Schedule | | | Junior High Schedule | |
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| Block | Time | | Block | Time |
| Block 1 (40) | 8:20 – 9:00 | | Block 1 (40) | 8:20 – 9:00 |
| Block 2 (40) | 9:00 – 9:40 | | Block 2 (40) | 9:00 – 9:40 |
| Block 3 (40) | 9:40 – 10:20 | | Break (20) | 9:40 – 10:00 |
| Recess (20) | 10:20 – 10:40 | | Block 3 (40) | 10:00 – 10:40 |
| Block 4 (40) | 10:40 – 11:20 | | Block 4 (40) | 10:40 – 11:20 |
| Block 5 (40) | 11:20 – 12:00 | | Block 5 (40) | 11:20 – 12:00 |
| Lunch Recess | 12:00 – 12:20 12:20 – 12:40 | | Break Lunch | 12:00 – 12:20 12:20 – 12:40 |
| Homeroom | 12:40 – 12:45 | | Homeroom | 12:40 – 12:45 |
| Block 6 (40) | 12:45 – 1:25 | | Block 6 (40) | 12:45 – 1:25 |
| Block 7 (40) | 1:25 – 2:05 | | Block 7 (40) | 1:25 – 2:05 |
| Recess (15) | 2:05 – 2:20 | | Break (10) | 2:05 – 2:15 |
| Block 8 (40) | 2:20 – 3:00 | | Block 8 (40) | 2:15 – 2:55 |
| Block 9 (40) | 3:00 – 3:40 | | Block 9 (40) | 2:55 – 3:35 |

Arrival and Departure from School

Bussing – If you have transportation questions please contact the Transportation Office directly (780-532-7734). Busses will be equipped with sanitizer for students to use when boarding the bus. Busses will be cleaned at the end of each route. A seating plan will be in place which will assist with contact tracing. Siblings will be seated together. Field trips requiring

transportation are postponed. Masks are mandatory for all students in Grades 4-12.

Arrival – All students will sanitize each time they enter and exit the building and classroom. The school doors will open at 8:10 and staff will be prepared to receive students. Parents and guardians may walk students to the entrance, while maintaining physical distancing, however they will not be allowed to access the school and walk their children to their classroom for the time being. This is being done in an attempt to minimize additional people/contacts within our building.

Dismissal- We will begin dismissal earlier this year at 3:30, and prioritize getting bus students out first followed by students that are not taking the bus. Strategies will be implemented to minimize congestion at lockers, in hallways and at entrances. If you are picking up your child, please make a plan with them ahead of time so they know where to meet you. At this time plans have not been developed for the arrival and dismissal of play school children but when information is available it will be shared with parents.

Learning In School:

Classrooms: Students will be taught mainly in their homerooms and teachers will travel to these classrooms to provide instruction to minimize student traffic. Soft furnishings that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected have been removed from learning areas and furniture has been set up in a way to maximize physical distancing in each classroom. Each student will have assigned seating and be asked to label their personal items and to not share them.

Hygiene: Bezanson School has increased custodial time in order to have our custodian present during school hours to disinfect high-touch areas and equipment as well as doing the nightly clean and sanitization routines. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at all school entrances and

classroom entrances and proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be taught and promoted.

Masks: Grade 4-9 students and staff members are required to wear masks where physical distancing cannot be maintained, and on busses and in common areas (e.g. hallways, bathrooms and entrances). In the classroom, masks will be required when close contact between students or staff is occurring. For ECS to grade 3 students, masks will be optional.

Illness: If your child becomes ill during the school day you will be contacted to pick up your child. Please ensure that the school has the correct contact information for your family. Students that are sick will be taken to a safe location while they wait for their parents. Students who are away for several days may choose to access their teacher's google classroom.

Instruction in Classroom: Learning will focus on core instruction, while providing opportunities for enrichment. Teachers will continue to use Google Classroom as a platform for learning. September will allow us the opportunity to assess students for any gaps in learning that may have occurred, teaching and practicing new hygiene routines, and ensuring that students are comfortable and settled in the school environment.

Recess and Physical Education: Students will continue to enjoy recess. We will stagger as much as possible and the playground, rink and the front area will be used for cohorts. Junior High students will need to be outside for morning and lunch recesses. Junior High afternoon break (10 minutes) will allow bathroom breaks, and organization for the remainder of the day and home time, but students will remain in their homeroom for the majority of the 10 minute break. Students will continue to participate in Physical Education. Physical Education will be outside as often as possible but the gym will be available with pre- and post- sanitization procedures in place.

Parents and Visitors: Unfortunately, this year we are asking all parents and visitors to pre-book any meetings or visits to the school. Visitors who do enter the building will be asked to complete the Screening Questionnaire

and comply with all safety protocols. This is being done in an attempt to minimize additional people/contacts within our building. Masks are required for all visitors to our school.

ECS – Kindergarten is about stimulating curiosity, wonderment and exploration while positively introducing our littles to school routines and expectations. In order to welcome our newest students and families into our community and ensure that families are able to transition with their child on the very important first day of school we will run our staggered entry a little differently this year. Instead of staggered entry over the first week (2 days) we will span the first 2 weeks (4 days). These dates will include September 1, 3, 8 and 10. Ms. Living will contact you in the very near future to discuss the day that you and your child will attend and give details of the day. All ECS students will then attend regular programming September 15, 2020.

Food: For this school year we will not share food. Class/school potlucks will be postponed and students will be asked not to share. Hot dog days are postponed until further notice. Foods classes will happen this year, (possibly later in the school year) but students will not share the food created in these classes.

Home Learning Option: Parents who prefer to continue with home learning should contact PWSD Central Office at 780 532 8133. Home learning allows your child to remain registered as a PWSD student for the 2020 – 2021 school year and the opportunity to re-enter school at a later date. The mid year re-entry dates will coincide with our terms. The dates for re-entry at Bezanson School will be November 30, 2020 and March 15, 2021. Please note that home learning will have much higher time expectations in comparison to the emergency teacher directed home learning as implemented in March 2020.

As we plan for classes, and look to have accurate numbers we ask that you please take a moment to complete this very quick [survey](#).

We are so looking forward to getting back to school and seeing our students. Even with our ever changing circumstances, we are anticipating a wonderful school year and are looking forward to creating lasting memories. Thank you to our families for your continued support, compassion and generosity as we navigate this together. We will continue to adjust to the COVID- 19 pandemic and our school plan will continue to evolve as we receive further direction from the Government and Alberta Health Services.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Linfield at 780 532 6490 or through email at elizabethlinfield@pwsd76.ab.ca