



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome students and families back to school for the 2021- 22 School Year. We know there is much anticipation and excitement for the new school year, as well as varying levels of concern when it comes to addressing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Northern Gateway Public Schools Back to School Plan has been developed in accordance with the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and Alberta Education.

On August 13, the Government of Alberta announced further details about returning to school this year, and released its [Guidance for Respiratory Illness Prevention and Management in Schools](#) and [2021-2022 School Year Plan](#). The Plan is based on Stage 3 (reopening) of Alberta's Open for Summer Plan that sees the lifting of all COVID-19 related restrictions.

NGPS will continue to follow and implement provincial health requirements and measures as required. Many measures will look the same as last year:

- [Daily health screening](#) for students, staff and visitors before coming to school
- Staying home when sick
- Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting in schools and on yellow buses
- [Masks -](#) as per Alberta Health Services' (AHS) directive, masks are required for all students (regardless of age or grade) while on a school bus. Masks are not currently required to be used at school
- Handwashing and sanitizing
- Vaccination clinics in schools (parental consent required for students under the age of 18.)
- Using personal protective equipment (PPE) where required

Health and safety measures will continue to be evaluated throughout the year in response to changing public health information.

As always, we remain committed to providing safe, caring and inspiring learning environments for our students and staff. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to safety, learning and cooperation. I know that, together, we will continue to work to keep one another safe.

Kevin Bird
Superintendent of Schools
Northern Gateway Public Schools



In an effort to have as successful a re-opening as possible, students are expected to enter and exit the school through their assigned door at the time assigned to them. This will also allow classroom teachers to establish routines and COVID health and safety protocols for their students and will prevent congestion in the hallways and boot rooms.

The expectation is all students, K to 12, will return on Wednesday, September 1 as follows:

Grade	Door	Entry Time	Exit Time
Kg	H	8:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
1H	H	8:40 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
2O	G	8:40 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
2/3G	F	8:40 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
3S	E	8:40 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
4W	D	8:40 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
5C	B	8:40 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
6S	B	8:30 A.M.	3:15 P.M.
7, 8 & 9	C	8:30 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
10, 11, 12	A	8:30 A.M.	3:25 P.M.
Inreach	D	10:15 A.M.	2:45 P.M.

Parents/guardians may wait with their child until they enter the school but will not be permitted to come into the school. Entry into the school by parents/guardians will be permitted by pre-arranged appointment only. Students arriving late to school will be required to enter through Door C and check in at the office. Please remember social distance requirements are in place while you/your child is waiting for admittance.

The expectation is students will be dropped off/arrive at their assigned time, they will leave at their assigned time and will go straight home after school. There will be no supervision on the playground before or after school.



Parents may call after August 24th to find out what home room their Grade 2, 3 or 7 student is registered in.

Students should bring a water bottle as drinking directly from the fountain is discouraged.

As per AHS' directive, **masks are required on school buses** for all students, regardless of age or grade.

The NGPS re-launch handbook is available for you to read on the Fox Creek School website and the Northern Gateway website. We strongly recommend that parents/guardians read this handbook to familiarize yourself with the new protocols for our school.

As we prepare for our 2021-2022 academic year, we are creating timetables and choosing the classes for Grade 10, 11, and 12 students based upon conversations that we have had with students and parents, as well as last year's academic progress. If any changes are required to the timetable that we create, we will process those changes in the first couple of days of classes. As we create the classes and enroll students, parents and students will be able to see their schedule through the PowerSchool portal. These schedules will be done closer to the first day of classes to allow us the flexibility to institute any changes that are necessary in this constantly changing world.

If you have any questions or concerns, the school is now open. If you want to stop into the school, please call ahead to make an appointment.

Thank-you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our school and students safe.

Ian Baxter
Principal

Ronica DeCiccio
Assistant Principal