

# McLeod Elementary School

Peace River South – SD#59

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Dear Parents,

As the government and the health officials slowly start to open the economy back up, there is talk of schools reopening. Over the next couple weeks, new health and safety guidelines are being established with the Ministry and the unions at all levels within the school sector to make sure the protocols for staff and students are within the guidelines set out by the health officials.

So, what this means is over the next couple weeks schools can start to have students within the building on a very limited basis. The districts expectation is that face-to-face interactions with students are being prioritized for students that may be having difficulty receiving support from home, or perhaps have limited or no technology capabilities, or need one-on-one assessments completed by the teacher. This will be by appointment only and only for 1 hour on days determined by the school and must fit between school breaks (recess/lunch). Also, know that some teachers are still working from home and if a student has made an appointment to come in, they may receive support from someone other than their classroom teacher.

The district protocols that **must** be followed are:

- By appointment/invitation only (call the school secretary)
- Limited space (1-2 students in classroom at one time)
- Doors will still be locked to limit public access
- Use designated entrance and go directly to assigned classroom when entering building.
- Wash hands upon arriving and leaving (and throughout the day)
- No food - No water fountains (bring own water bottles)
- Social distancing rules will be strictly enforced
- No social time or gym/playground use
- Limited bathroom use (please use your home washroom before coming to the school)
- Disinfectant will be used on all surfaces used by students

- If child shows any signs of being sick (cough, sneezing, sore throat, fever, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, shortness of breath) they will be promptly isolated, and parents called for immediate pick-up

**Please note:** If students do not follow these protocols they **will not** be permitted to come back.

At this time, McLeod has designated the following days:

Wednesdays between 9am -10am

Fridays between 11am-12pm

Once an appointment is made, the child's teacher will phone the student back to see what extra supports are needed and if it can be resolved over the phone or by videoconferencing.

Bussing is available however, arrangements must be made at least two days prior to appointment. Please let the secretary know if bussing is needed when you phone to make the appointment.

Also know, this is completely optional for parents. Having students attend school is voluntary on the part of the parent. At this time, online learning and work packets will continue to be sent home.

Things are still changing, and more restrictions may be lifted by the end of the school year, however, at this time we do not have a specific date or a full picture of what this may look like. Although, we do know it **will not be** all students, every day, all day. It will more likely be small groups on some sort of alternating basis and it may look different for the different grades. Updates will be posted on the website as we continue to find out more specifics.

As we continue through this journey together, please keep your family safe, healthy and smiling. In the end, that is what matters the most.

Sincerely,

D. Dutka  
Principal