

August 26, 2021

Hello Jan Reimer Families!

The Provincial Government announced [updated plans](#) for schools on Friday, August 13th, 2021. The Edmonton Public School Division has now posted our [Division's 2021–22 Back to School Plan](#). I encourage you to review this information as our Jan Reimer plans are aligned with our Division's plan.

Jan Reimer Re-entry Plan

The following information will help inform our families and students about the protocols in place to continue to keep our community safe while delivering high quality instruction to our students. For our returning students, many of the same protocols that were in place last year will continue to be used to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Staggered Entry- Only Kindergarten students will be having a staggered start for Thursday, September 2 & Friday, September 3.

School Supplies

You may send school supplies with your child on the first day. Please send what your child is able to carry on their own. If you need to send additional items over the first few days of school, we completely understand.

Arriving at School

Students will enter & exit the building at assigned doors. Please view the entrance doors document attached separately. Homeroom classes will enter the school one at a time to ensure we maximize physical distancing and minimize congestion in the hallways.

Please remember that we need to **drop and go** in front of our school. When we have families stop in this area, it creates a significant safety issue for our students. Safety before convenience! If you are needing to come into the school, please use the front parking lot. We thank you for your support and cooperation in this. Remember that our school will be much busier this year with the return of most of our students.

Please see the map attached to this SchoolZone post to see which entry/exit doors your child will be using (Teachers will be communicating with families through email, communication apps or phone calls to let you know which class children are in. Pylons with grade, teacher name, room number and class list will also be set up outside of your designated door to help direct you to the appropriate area.

Exiting the School at the End of the Day

Students will exit the building by their assigned doors. If you have an older student who picks up a younger sibling, they must exit the building from their assigned doors and walk outside to

the exit doors of the younger sibling. We encourage all families to establish a meeting area away from the school to pick up their children.

School Operational Hours

Our [Bell schedule](#) will help with planning your drop off and pick up times for your child. Please remember that classes will be dismissed in a staggered manner at the end of the day to maximize physical distancing and minimize congestion. All classes will be outside within 5 minutes of the dismissal time.

Masks

To begin this school year, ALL students and staff will be required to wear a mask while in Jan Reimer School. Students may remove their mask when eating, during strenuous physical education activities, and outside during recess.

Cohorts

Each Elementary Homeroom will be considered a cohort. We will minimize the number of contacts within each cohort in the interests of student and staff safety. Our Junior High students will remain in their Homeroom Cohort for academic subjects. Junior High students may be placed in Grade Level Cohorts for their option blocks.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance to the school and students will be required to use sanitizer on their way into the building. Sanitizer will also be available outside each classroom and students and staff will sanitize their hands each time they enter the classroom.

Recess for Elementary students

Each Elementary Homeroom will be assigned a specific area of the school grounds for recess. We have again implemented 2 recess times this year to minimize the number of classes outside during each recess period.

Lunch

All Elementary Homerooms will eat their lunch in their assigned classroom with their Lunch Supervisor. Junior High will again be a closed campus to start this year. Lunch Supervisors will also be assigned to each Junior High Homeroom.

Half of our classes will go outside first, then eat in their classrooms. The other half will eat first, then go outside. Each class will have an assigned area of the school yard.

If a student forgets their lunch, we will provide them with individually packaged items from the office. Unfortunately we cannot have parents dropping off forgotten lunches at the school.

Junior High

Our Junior High classes will remain in their homeroom with teachers moving room to room to teach academic subjects. Students will receive their timetable on SchoolZone on Wednesday, September 1.

Junior High Options

Students will be assigned options within their grade level cohort.

Lockers

Lockers will not be used to start this year. Student materials will be kept at their desk in each classroom.

Athletics

We anticipate that Junior High athletics will once again be offered this fall. When we receive specific information we will post it to SchoolZone and share with our Junior High students.

Parent, Guardians, & Volunteers

Appointments must be made for all visitors to the school. Contact our school office if you need to make an appointment to see our Administration or another staff member.

At this time volunteers will not be permitted in the school. We will continue to monitor the situation and we will be sure to notify our community when we are able to have volunteers come in the building and work with our students.

Online Students

Students who have selected Online Learning for the first semester will be contacted by their teacher on either Wednesday, September 1 or Thursday, September 2. For many of our students who have selected online learning, it is very likely you will be assigned a teacher that is not from Jan Reimer School. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

We hope everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer! We look forward to welcoming our students back for the 2021-2022 school year. Our plan is solid, and we will continue to keep the safety of our students and staff as our top priority.

Remember to continue to check Schoolzone and your child's google classroom for any new information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our school office at 587- 489 - 4716.

Sincerely,



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