



Five questions we'd like to answer for parents

As we wrap up the 2019-2020 school year, after three months of at-home learning, there are a lot of questions about how school will be offered in the fall.

What will the format of school be in September?

We don't know the answer to this question yet. We do know that Alberta Education has asked schools to prepare for three different scenarios:

1. A return to 'near normal' school routines
2. A mixture of 'in-school' and 'at-home' learning
3. A return to 'at-home' learning

Alberta Education has promised to decide **by August 1** which scenario will be in place for school start up. Their goal is that schools can return to a 'near normal' routine, but it depends on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our school division has been making plans and is prepared for whichever of the three scenarios may be in place.

How will the school ensure my child is on track with learning?

Every student will be at a different place in their learning journey and schools understand that. School teams will work with students to understand where they are at in their learning and what gaps may need to be addressed.

How will the school help my child feel comfortable being at school again?

The school division is fortunate to have the services of the Mental Health Capacity Building team and the Family School Liaison Worker team. The people on these teams will work with school staff to provide programs, services and one-to-one visits that support the social and emotional wellness of students.

What will you do to keep my child safe at school?

We know that, even if we're back to a 'near normal' return to school, it will not be the same as it used to be. New measures will be in place at every school, to help reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

There will be:

- Extra disinfecting and sanitization measures;
- Hand sanitizer available for use by students and staff;
- New routines to reduce the amount of contact between groups of students;
- A daily self-assessment quiz, to help families ensure students are healthy. A copy of the form is being sent home, for your information, and will also be posted on the website before school starts.

How can I find out more?

You can check the Battle River School Division website (brsd.ab.ca) for updates starting after the August long weekend. If classes are going to be held at school, every school will begin posting information about their new routines the week before school starts, so you know what to expect on the first day.