



Hello Raymer families,

We are excited to welcome new and returning Ravens back to school!! We are confident we have established safe classrooms to welcome students on September 10th or 11th for a full day of orientation. Starting school will look different than last year, so we thank you for both your patience as we planned for back to school and your diligence in helping us keep everyone safe.

Please review the attached learning plans, maps, and documents on basic procedures for returning to school. Staff will familiarize students with safety procedures and ensure clean, safe learning spaces, but knowing our new procedures will help you make sure students travel safely and arrive to school in good health. We recognize the length of this document and thank you in advance for reading through the protocols we have in place before bringing your child back to school.

Please remember the following key points for arriving to and leaving from school this fall:

- Remind children to keep their distance and refrain from touching others while waiting for the bus and lining up for entrance to the school
- Parents/caregivers are to leave school grounds shortly after dropping off, and everyone must leave the school grounds once students are dismissed for the day
- Learn the staggered entrance and exit times for your student, as well as drop-off/pickup areas
- Parents/caregivers must not enter the school unless you have a scheduled appointment/invitation from the principal

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:25 am	Learning groups line up outside at their designated meeting area for staggered entry				
Morning	Instructional Time (Staggered recess break for half the school in designated play areas)				
Lunch	Half of school to play while other half eats in classroom, then switch places				
Afternoon	Instructional Time (Staggered recess breaks for half the school in designated play areas)				
2:25 pm	Staggered dismissal of learning groups				

You can learn more about district-wide plans for safety, returning to school, and provincial updates at sd23.bc.ca. Thank you for staying engaged and connected to our school community. By working together, we can help students feel welcome, safe, and ready to learn.

Please read the following pages for more specific detail.

Back to School 2020 Procedures



All Schools

Getting ready for school – Parents/caregivers can use the provided checklist to assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. If a student shows any symptoms (that are not related to an existing condition such as seasonal allergies) they must not take the bus or go to school.

Riding the bus – Students must practice physical distancing while waiting for the bus. Students should have their own seat and follow the assigned seating plan for their bus. Middle and secondary school learners must always wear a mask on the bus.

Entering the school – Use the appropriate drop off points and appropriate entrance specific to your school. When students arrive at school, they must wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer station. Schools are closed to adults unless they have an appointment or invitation from administrators.

Learning groups – Students must stay with their learning group throughout the day to limit interaction with other students, especially in common areas and during breaks.

Hygiene throughout the day – Students should perform hand hygiene before and after breaks, eating and drinking, using shared spaces (eg. gym, library, playground), using the washroom, after sneezing or coughing, and whenever hands are visibly dirty.

Feeling sick – If a student feels sick or shows any symptoms during the school day, they must report to the office and staff will follow protocols for isolating the student and returning them home.

Physical distance – Students must keep 2m away from those outside their learning group. Do not share personal items such as food, school supplies, or clothing.



Our School:

Orientation days for students in grades 1-6 will be organized alphabetically by last name as follows. This is to ensure all family members come on the same day.:

A - J on Thursday, September 10th (8:30 am-2:30 pm)

K - Z Friday, September 11th (8:30 am-2:30 pm)

All students (grades 1-6) resume full-time instruction on Monday, September 14th

Kindergarten Students will begin full days Thursday, September 17th – please note the change in date. Kindergarten families will be receiving a gradual entry schedule letter very soon.

You will receive additional information on Tuesday, September 8th to indicate the learning group your child is in and where they will line up for drop off and pick up each day.

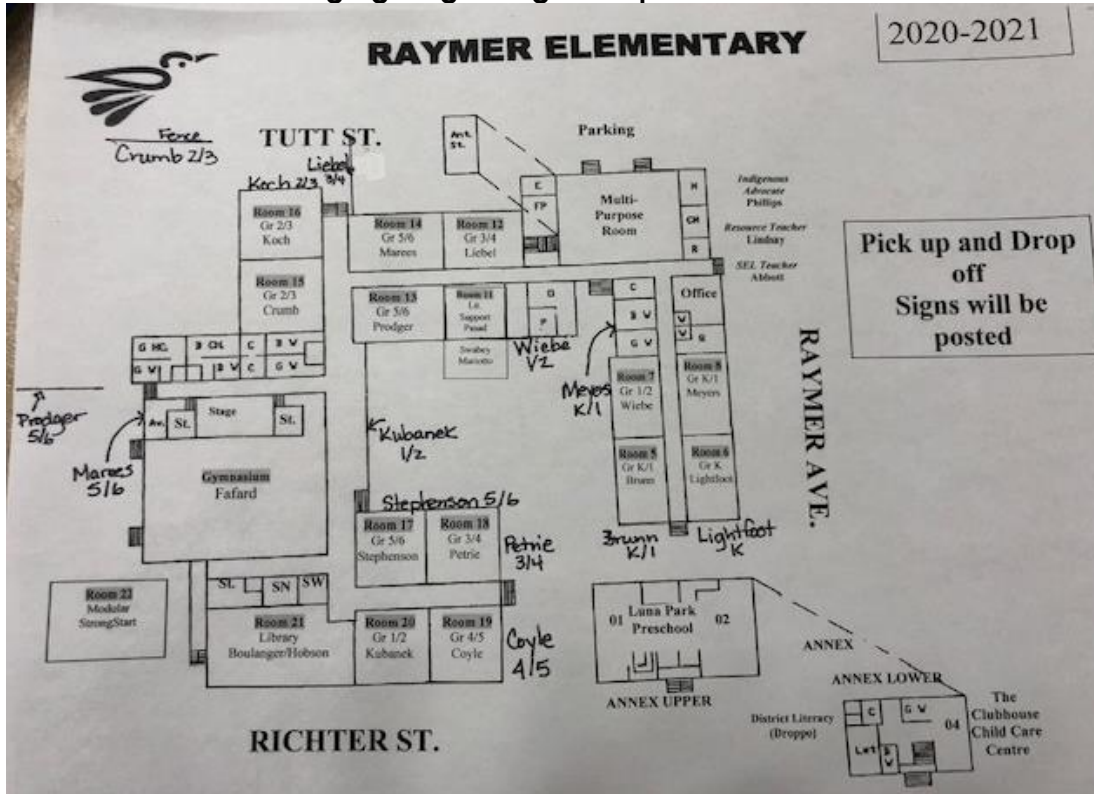


Entrance - We fully value families as partners in children's education. Given the unique circumstance, we ask that parents/guardians continue to be involved, but support us by honouring the following expectations:

- Main entrance to Raymer remains locked throughout the day. If we do not see you, knock on the door/windows or call the school at 250-870-5125
- Parents/guardians may enter upon invite
- Hand sanitize, physical distance, wear a mask and follow all safety protocols
- Sign in on the visitor's sheet with a contact number

Pickup/Drop-off Points

- **Please do not send your child/children early**
- Pickup and drop off points are fairly similar to last year
- See the map below - signs of teacher names are posted in the area where the children line up
- All adults must physically distance from any child that is not in their bubble
- If you need to drop-off late or pick up early, please call the office and wait for someone to come out and meet your child or bring your child to you
- All students will line up in their designated area, and teachers will greet the students when the bell rings to take them into the school.
- The students must immediately go to their line-up as soon as they arrive in the morning.
- Students will then be dismissed from the same line-up at the end of the day by their teacher.
- The parking lot is reserved for staff only.
- **No students are congregating in large unsupervised areas before or after school.**





Late Students

- The doors are locked throughout the day – come to the front entrance.
- If we do not see you, knock on the door/windows or call the school at 250-870-5125
- A staff member will be at the front door for the first 20 minutes to assist late students
- All late students must physical distance while you wait to come into the building

School Navigation

- We have marked a 'road system' at our school so that student walk on the right side of the hallway

Hand Hygiene

- Handwashing is preferred
- Classrooms not equipped with sinks have hand sanitizing stations
- They will wash their hands frequently throughout the day – see above

Learning Group Details

- The maximum number is 60 people in a learning group
- Learning groups may enter and exit the building together and play together. Some learning groups will learn together at different times.
- Learning groups are grouped by grade without exceeding the limit of 60 people (including the adults)
- The teachers spent hours carefully designing classes to meet the needs of all of the learners

Food Services

- Brown Bag lunch program continues and will be delivered to students
- The breakfast program will be different. Pre-packaged and individually wrapped items (granola bars, yogurt, etc) will be delivered to students in classrooms.
- PAC pizza lunches and fruit/veggies programs have been suspended
- Home-made or purchased food cannot be brought from home to share with others (cupcakes, birthday treats, etc).

Break Times

- There is a rotating schedule for accessing outdoor space in learning groups
- For lunch, half the school will eat first while the other half eats between 11:00 and 11:55
- There are 2 recess times. Half the school from 1:05-1:20 and the other half from 1:20-1:35
- **No food will be allowed outside to maintain proper hand hygiene**
- Students will play in one of the 3 designated play areas on the backfield with their learning group.
- Supervisors will be wearing safety vest and masks
- Play structures will be open during school hours to the scheduled learning groups

Items at School

- Coats and bags will be kept in the classroom
- Indoor shoes are still needed



- Bring a labelled water bottle – water fountains are available – safety protocols to use the water fountains will be reviewed by teachers
- No toys or collectible cards or other personal items
- Important for all children to be able to independently change/tie shoes, zipper coats, etc. If your child cannot tie their shoes, please consider Velcro.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) –

- Students: At this time, non-medical masks are not recommended for elementary students. However, students choosing to wear their own non-medical mask while at school will not be discouraged from doing so. If a student rides a bus to attend a field trip, masks will be required on the bus.
- Staff: Staff are not required to wear a mask working within their learning groups. Staff are required to wear a non-medical mask in high traffic areas, common spaces or if they are outside of the learning group when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Itinerant teachers working with students from multiple cohorts are required to wear a mask.

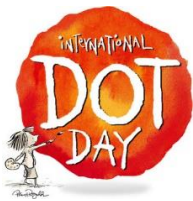
Sick Students: The following tool will be the most effective process parents use to assess their child’s health prior to sending them to school each day. The health of our students will be a collaborative effort and we ask that all parents use this tool daily. Should you answer YES to any of the following questions and the symptoms are not related to a preexisting condition (for example: allergies), your child should NOT attend school. As in the past, if your child is not attending school, please use our [Safe Arrival App](#) to report your child's absence for the day, as we will be expecting them otherwise.

Daily Health Check - Hard copies will be available upon request			
Symptoms of Illness	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle One	
		Yes	No
	Fever	Yes	No
	Chills	Yes	No
	Cough or worsening of a chronic cough)	Yes	No
	Shortness of breath	Yes	No
	Sore throat	Yes	No
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	Yes	No
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	Yes	No
	Headache	Yes	No
	Fatigue	Yes	No
	Diarrhea	Yes	No



	Loss of appetite	Yes	No
	Nausea and vomiting	Yes	No
	Muscle aches	Yes	No
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	Yes	No
	Dizziness, confusion	Yes	No
	Abdominal pain	Yes	No
	Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	Yes	No
International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID - 19?	Yes	No

Upcoming Events:

<p>Back by Popular Demand: 2nd Annual DOT Day – Tuesday, September 15</p> 	<p>Last year, the Student Voice Club decided that our first spirit day will be DOT Day, and it will be an annual event.</p> <p>" International Dot Day is a celebration of creativity inspired by The Dot written and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds. It is a day to think about ways in which we can use our special talents to make the world a better place"</p> <p>Students are invited to wear dots on September 15 – dotted clothing, attached dots on clothing, etc. Look to see our school with dots too!</p>
<p>Growth Mindset Zoom Assembly September 18 at 9:00</p>	<p>A zoom link will be sent to parents the week of September 14.</p> <p>Students will be presenting on different aspects of developing a growth mindset.</p>

We value our partnership with families as we begin another year of learning and growing together. We are incredibly grateful for the patience and support that has been shown by all of our Raymer Families as we navigate these new times together. We care deeply for your children and we will maintain a high level of safety. If you have any questions at all, please contact me at 250-870-5125 or ray@sd23.bc.ca. **Please visit sd23.bc.ca for complete Staff and Student Safety Plans and COVID-19 Updates.**

As we enter into this new phase of learning together, let us do so with courage and kindness. Our children are counting on us to be a team.

Stay healthy and safe.



Sincerely,

Terrilynn Nunes
Principal Raymer Elementary