



## A.B. Ellis Public School Back to School 2020 Questions and Answers

Welcome back, Flames! Here are some answers to questions you might have about your return to class at A.B. Ellis PS.

<p>When is my first day of school?</p>	<p>JK – check your Welcome to Kindergarten letter for your child’s first day</p> <p>Tuesday, September 8th: Kindergarten to Grade 3 &amp; students in our ISP</p> <p>Wednesday, September 9th: Kindergarten to Grade 6</p> <p>Thursday, September 10th: Kindergarten to Grade 8</p>								
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<p>Can I enter the school before the morning bell?</p>	<p>If you are a walker or are being dropped off by your parent/guardian, you are asked to arrive at school as close as possible to the morning bell and not earlier than 8:05 AM.</p>								
<p>Do I have to wear a mask?</p>	<p>Yes. Students in Grades 1-8 are required to wear a mask on the school bus and while you are in the school unless you are eating during your nutrition break or when outside for recess. Students in Kindergarten have the option to wear a mask or face shield.</p> <p>You must bring your own mask. Hoods or bandanas are not considered acceptable masks.</p>								
<p>Will there be hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes in my classroom?</p>	<p>Health Canada-approved hand sanitizer will be placed at every entry and exit of the school and in each classroom. You will be required to sanitize your hands when you enter the school and before you enter a classroom.</p> <p>While the sharing of equipment is discouraged, where equipment must be used by more than one student, disinfectant will be made available to disinfect equipment before and after each use.</p>								

	Students may be asked to assist in helping disinfect their work spaces and any shared equipment/resources (age and ability permitting).
What about using the bathroom during class time or nutrition breaks?	Students will be asked to use a sign out sheet in their own classroom when a student is given permission to leave the class.
Where will I be eating my lunch?	Students will eat in their own classrooms under supervision.
What if my teacher is away?	Students will have occasional teachers in their classrooms.
What do I do if I am sick?	<p>If you have a pre-existing medical condition, you are advised to talk to your parents and your family's health care provider before returning to school.</p> <p>Every day, you and your parents will be responsible for using the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (see below). The self-assessment tool is for your personal use and does not need to be submitted to the school.</p> <p>Any student who develops COVID-19 symptoms while in school will be immediately separated from others, in a separate room where possible, until they are able to go home; not take student or public transportation; be supervised after they are isolated; maintain physical distancing; and wear personal protective equipment that is consistent with health guidance.</p> <p>Please note: All parents/guardians must ensure they have shared a full list of emergency contacts with the school. This will be important in case parents/guardians are not available. Emergency contacts must be aware that they could be called to pick up children, if required.</p>
If I am ill, do I have to get a COVID-19 test before returning to school?	<p>No, you are not required to get a test. You must use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to monitor new and/or worsening symptoms.</p> <p>If you test positive for COVID-19 at an assessment centre, you cannot return to school until you are cleared according to Public Health. In addition, members of the same household will have to self-isolate. After your initial positive test, when you retest negative, you can return to school after you are symptom-free for 24 hours and well enough to participate in all activities.</p>

<p>Will there be sports/clubs running this year?</p>	<p>If physical distancing is possible, some sports may be returning to train.</p> <p>If physical distancing is possible, some clubs will resume.</p>
<p>What happens if a student at A.B. Ellis PS tests positive for COVID-19?</p>	<p>We will take our direction from Public Health in this situation.</p> <p>Principals will communicate about the status of COVID-19 cases in their schools in keeping with Ministry guidance and relevant privacy legislation.</p>
<p>What should I bring to school?</p>	<p>You are permitted to bring only essential items to school as lockers are not being used.</p> <p>You are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle to school as only water filling stations will be accessible.</p> <p>You are asked to bring lunch recyclables home.</p>
<p>Can I use the water fountains?</p>	<p>Students and staff can use refill stations only. Everyone is encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle to school.</p>
<p>Will I be assigned a locker?</p>	<p>No, not at this time. Locker use is not permitted. Only bring essential items.</p>
<p>Will there be instrumental music?</p>	<p>Music instruction will take place at A.B. Ellis PS only. Students will not be visiting Espanola HS or using their musical instruments.</p>
<p>I was given technology by the school last spring. What do I do with it?</p>	<p>A separate message will be sent about returning iPads and Chromebooks.</p>
<p>What if I am learning from home, but change my mind and want to attend school to learn?</p>	<p>Parents/guardians can make this change in November.</p>
<p>If my parents/guardians are driving me to school, where should they drop me off and at what time?</p>	<p>Parents/guardians can drop off students near the school yard in the side parking lot off Mead Boulevard after 8:05 AM and will proceed into the school near the daycare entrance. Drop offs are not permitted in front of the school when buses are arriving. If students live within walking/biking distance, they are encouraged to walk or bike to school. Staff will be present in the school to guide students to their classrooms.</p>

<p>Where do the buses drop off the students?</p>	<p>Students are dropped off at the secured front entrance on Mead Boulevard where staff will greet them. Students will be asked to be mindful of physical distancing when exiting the bus and entering the school. Students will not congregate in any one area and will enter their classrooms when they arrive.</p>
<p>If I have an appointment during the day and need to be signed out, how do my parents/guardians go about this?</p>	<p>Parents/guardians must call the school (705) 869-1651 to notify the school of the absence and need to be signed out. The student will be called out of class and will meet parents/guardians outside the main entrance doors.</p> <p>* At this time, due to COVID-19, parents/guardians will only be permitted to enter the school in the event of an emergency. *</p>
<p>Where do I go at the end of the day at dismissal time?</p>	<p>Parents/guardians can pick up students near the school yard in the side parking lot off Mead Boulevard at dismissal time. Pickups are not permitted in front of the school until after all buses have left. Students who walk or ride a bicycle will be dismissed separately to reduce the number of students using the hallways and exit at one time. Students who take a bus will remain in their classes with supervision and will be dismissed as buses arrive. Students will exit through the front door to catch their bus.</p>
<p>What will happen during recess?</p>	<p>Students will be encouraged to play and socialize with students from their class in zones on the playground. Climbing equipment is closed. Students are asked to keep their mask on until they exit the school and place it in a pocket or wear it below their chin. At the end of recess, students will be reminded to put on their masks before they re-enter. Classes will enter the school one at a time.</p>
<p>For more information, please review the Rainbow District School Board's School Reopening Plan which can be found at <a href="http://www.rainbowschools.ca">www.rainbowschools.ca</a></p>	

**WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE  
COVID-19 Pre-Screening Questionnaire**

**In order to maintain a safe environment for everyone, all staff, students, parents/guardians and visitors must complete this Pre-Screening Questionnaire daily prior to entering any school or school board facility. Parents/guardians must complete the questionnaire daily for children in K to 8 before sending them to school.**

Staff, students, parents/guardians and visitors must follow protocols for hand hygiene and physical distancing.

Staff, students, parents/guardians and visitors with symptoms related to pre-existing conditions or allergies can still attend the school or facility. Please note: The questionnaire is intended to identify **new** symptoms or **worsening** of symptoms that are not related to allergies, chronic conditions or pre-existing conditions.

1.	Do you or your child(ren) attending Rainbow Schools have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of breath/Difficulty breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Difficulty/Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny nose/Nasal congestions (without other known cause, ie. allergies)	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell/Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you/your child travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you/your child had close contact (within 2 metres/6 feet) without the use of personal protective equipment in the last 14 days with someone who has travelled outside of Canada and who is displaying the above symptoms?	YES	NO
4.	Have you/your child had close contact (within 2 metres/6 feet) without the use of personal protective equipment with someone who is displaying the above symptoms?	YES	NO
5.	Have you or someone you reside with been diagnosed with COVID-19 for which you did not receive 'clearance from isolation' by Public Health?	YES	NO

**If you answer "YES" to any of the above, please DO NOT enter the school or facility or send your child(ren) to school. Please contact the school office or your supervisor. You are not permitted to return until clearance from COVID-19 has been issued.** Please contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705-522-9200 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200), use the online [COVID-19 self-assessment](#) tool, or call your health care provider or [Telehealth Ontario](#).

**If you answer "NO" to all of the above, you may enter the school or facility as long as you follow public health guidelines for hand hygiene and physical distancing at all times as we work together to keep everyone safe.**