



# Langdon School

Parent Information – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Welcome and Welcome Back

Hello, Langdon School Families.

We are very excited to welcome you back, both in-person and on-line, to this very different school year. Things will definitely be a bit different from the past, but we are working to make sure that every day students are in school, they feel safe and comfortable leaving them ready to learn and happy while they are here.

We are fully aware that our parents and our students have a number of questions about what school will look like and how we, as a school, are working to make the school a safe place to learn. Please be patient as we will be letting you know when we know.

There is a lot of information that will follow so we ask that you take time to read all of it carefully so that we are all with the same understanding. We have also provided a podcast sharing the same information if you would prefer to listen.

We would also like to ask for your patience. It is likely that some protocols will change in the coming weeks and months. We take our direction from Rocky View Schools and Alberta Health Services. At a school level, any changes we make will be to further improve the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff.

### **Class lists and Teachers**

We know that many of you want to have teachers confirmed. At this time, we know there will be some teachers moving online, and there are student numbers that are affected by students moving to online or other options. This impacts our classes and teachers as new lists are created. Please be patient and as soon as we can, we will confirm homeroom teachers. The lists will be posted on Power School early next week.

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## Daily Health Checklist Protocol

Parents and Guardians are **required** to complete the Health Checklist

Protocol each day **before** leaving the house for the bus or school. The protocol is to be completed at home for each child. This is a required responsibility for all parents to assess health **prior to arrival** at school. We are all responsible for stopping the spread and mitigating risk in our schools. Click here for the [Daily Questionnaire](#).

Those with symptoms have an obligation to self-isolate (unless symptoms are typical) until tested negative AND symptoms have resolved.

### infirmary

Students who display any symptoms of illness will be referred to the office and the infirmary. Should the symptoms be consistent with Covid 19, the parents will be contacted, and they will be required to come and collect the child within 1 hour. Staff helping these students will be wearing proper protective equipment to ensure their safety and the safety of others.

### Visitors and Volunteer

Due to our current circumstances, and until further notice, volunteers and presenters will not be permitted to come into the school. We look forward to the time when we will be able to welcome back all the visitors and volunteers as they enrich the learning community in countless ways.

### Kindergarten

New this year at Langdon School, our Kindergarten will be running all-day, Tuesday's, Thursday's, and alternating Friday's. Kindergarten classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**.

### Staggered Entry for Grades 1-9

We have created a three-day staggered entry to welcome back our students (grades 1-9) 1/3 at a time. This will allow families to stay on the same schedule and give us a better chance of connecting with as many students as possible. We are confident this will allow us to answer many questions at this time.

- Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Students with the last names **A to G only**.
- Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students with the last names **H to O only**.
- Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – Students with the last names **P to Z only**
- Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – **All Students**

### Assigned Doors

Currently we have assigned entry and exit doors based on proximity to the student's classroom to minimize traffic in the school.

The location of your child's door is based on their homeroom and will also be posted on the doors.

You can find the assigned doors on the map attached. There may be a few changes made once we are in operation and as we see what the movement looks like.

**Entry/Exit** \*\*School start and continuing until further notice through assigned doors.

#### Entry Time (Kindergarten – Grade 9)

8:05 am – All students riding the bus

8:10 am – All students being dropped off via parent loop

8:15am – All students walking to school.

#### Exit Time (Kindergarten – Grade 9)

2:40 pm (M-Th); 1:05 pm (F) – All students walking home

2:45 pm (M-TH); 1:10 pm (F) – All students being picked up via parent loop

2:45 pm (M-TH); 1:15 pm (F) – All students riding the bus

\*All students walking are encouraged to go straight home at the end of the day

## Safety for all!

Students will be required to wear masks (grades 4-9) as they enter/exit the building, move in the halls, and while in common areas, bathrooms and in classes where distancing is not feasible. When students enter each day or after breaks/recess break/lunch, they will need to wash and/or sanitize their hands.

## Lates

It is important that students arrive at school at their designated time for entry. We realize there are unforeseen circumstances that occasionally result in a child being late for school. If your child arrives at school after the last wave of students have entered, please direct them to the main doors where a supervisor will meet them and bring them into the school to ensure our attendance is accurate and they are accounted for.

## School Supplies

[Click this link to access our school supply lists](#)

## Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

Many parents walk or bike to school with their children. Please drop off and pick up your children on the public sidewalk or via the parent loop (vehicles only). You will not be able to enter the building with your child. You are asked to remain in your vehicle and only use the parent loop or the public street for drop off and pick up.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is no drop off or pick up permitted in the staff parking lot or the bus loop.**

## A shift to scenario 2 or 3

With little notice, we may be directed to switch to Scenario 2 or 3 for learning. These Scenarios align with those shared by the Education Minister of Alberta. We will communicate these shifts quickly to you and your family.

### Scenario 2 – Blended Learning

Students will attend in one of two Cohorts designated below.

**Cohort A:** Will attend school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students in this group will have last names beginning with **A to K**.

**Cohort B:** Will attend school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students in this group will have last names beginning with **L to Z**.

If directed to **Scenario 3**, we will move directly to full on-line learning. This shift will happen with a quick turn-around.

## Meeting with Staff

Parents are a vital part in the education of their children. As such, there are times when it is beneficial for parents and teachers or other staff members to meet. For now, where possible, we may hold these meetings virtually as arranged by staff members or parents. Any face to face meeting may occur with the prearranged permission of the principal. All face to face meetings will take place after students have left for the day.

## Item Drop Off

Forgotten lunches? Shoes? Homework? On occasion, parents need to drop off items for their child during the school day. We will have a cart at the front entrance where you can leave items that are clearly marked with the child's first and last name. We will ensure they are delivered to the child as soon as we are able.

## Lunch Breaks and Recess

We know students of all ages benefit from fresh air and unstructured play. Our younger students (Grade 1 – 5) will receive a daily physical activity (DPA) period every morning followed by a snack break. Our older students (Grade 6 – 9) will have a morning break. These DPA and breaks have been staggered to reduce the movement in and out of the school while providing students an opportunity to reset and get ready for more learning.

**ALL** Students will eat their lunch in their homerooms. Exceptions to this will be those Grade 7 – 9 students that have authorized off-campus passes. **Please note, students leaving school grounds during lunch must remain at home or off campus grounds until the end of the lunch period.**

## Appointments

There may be times when you need to pick up your child during instructional time. In the past, parents have come into the school to sign-out their children. This is no longer possible. If your child needs to leave for an appointment during the day, please email the teacher and copy our secretary ([ewolfenden@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:ewolfenden@rockyview.ab.ca)). We will do our best to have your child ready to go when you arrive at the main doors for pick up. Students may return to the school through the front entry after appointments in order to maintain learning, where time permits.

