

# SouthPointe School Back to School Plan

2021 - 2022

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## Arriving at School

**Before your child attends on the first day** the school requires all families to complete the COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist Acknowledgement form via your PowerSchool Parent Portal. This form only needs to be completed **once**.

**Before your child attends school each day** you must verbally complete the [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) before entering the school. Please ensure that your child is symptom free before you send them to school. Staff will be outside on supervision starting at 8:00 a.m. each morning. The first bell rings at 8:10 a.m.

- All students must wear masks while on school property.
- When a student is late for school, they will be required to use the main front entrance.
- Please consider the need for all weather outdoor gear for students as wait times outside will be extended beyond normal circumstances.
- We will continue to follow Elk Island Public Schools' inclement weather policies.

## First Day of School

Staff will be outside on the first day of school to guide students to their assigned entrance and exit doors. Pylons will also be set up with the class number and the class number will also be clearly labelled on the outside doors. Teachers will be there to greet students and escort them into the school.

## Hand Hygiene Protocols

- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms, the gymnasium, at entrance/exit doors and throughout the school.
- We would ask that students refrain from bringing their own sanitizer as we have no way to confirm whether it's effective or safe.
- Staff will teach routines for hand sanitization upon entering the school.

## Water Fountains

As SouthPointe School has no touch water bottle fillers, it is strongly recommended that students bring a labelled, refillable water bottle to school as **regular water fountains will not be in use and the office does not have cups or water bottles for students.**

## Assigned Entrance and Exit Doors

- All junior high students will use the entrance located by the bus lane.
- All kindergarten students will use the front main entrance by the office.
- All grade one students will use the entrance located south of the main entrance by the parent drop off loop.
- All grade three students will use the entrance at the far end of the modular classrooms south of the grade one entrance.
- All grade two and four students will use the entrance west of the playground.
- All grade five and six students will use the entrance north of the playground (staff entrance).

**\*See Map Below\***

SouthPointe School – Southpointe Facility Map  
11 SouthPointe Boulevard, Fort Saskatchewan, AB, T8L 0T9

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## Dismissal

- The bell for dismissal rings at 2:51 p.m., and at 1:51 p.m. for early dismissal days.
- Students will only use their designated hallway and assigned exterior door for exiting at dismissal time in order to minimize the number of students in the hallway.
- Staff will incorporate routines for traffic flow at the end of the day.
- Students in grades K-9 must wear masks as they exit the school.

## Parent Pick Up

- Parents are asked to wear a mask and remain at a physical distance from students who are exiting the building.

## Sibling Pick Up

- If families are arranging for siblings to meet to go home together this must happen outside of the school in a prearranged location.

## Lunch

- We will not be able to support any food being brought into the school through a food delivery service (such as pizza or Skip the Dishes).
- Utensils will not be available to students.
- If a student has no lunch, arrangements will be made by the school office and the parent.
- Students are not permitted to share food.
- Please send lunch items that students can open easily by themselves to minimize the need for close contact between students and staff.
- There will be a **recycling program**, students can place their empty juice boxes/containers in the classroom blue bins.

## Food in Schools

We are asking that treats not be sent from home for birthdays or other special days. Hot lunch days will likely be permitted. More information will be shared in September.

## Family and School Communication

Family members will need to use the Government of Alberta's [COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#) before going to the school to determine if it is safe for them to attend. Anyone answering "yes" to any of the questions cannot enter the building.

Families who are contacted to pick up a sick child must come to the school immediately. The person picking up the student must be safe to enter the school based on the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire.

- Please direct all appointment requests by phone: **780-998-2747**.
- Essential visitors will be required to sanitize their hands, sign the visitor log, practice social distancing and wear a mask. If you are picking up your child prior to regular dismissal, you will be asked to wait in a designated area until your child arrives.

## School Supplies

Our school Supply Lists can be found on our [school website](#) when you click on Parent Info.

## **Physical Education**

We will continue to provide physical education instruction. Students must wash or sanitize their hands before and after using equipment. This is an opportunity for students to exercise without wearing a mask. Students in grades 7 - 9 will have access to changerooms. It is an expectation that all junior high students change for phys-ed class.

## **Alberta Health Services Information**

[COVID-19 Information for Albertans](#)

[COVID-19 Daily Checklist](#)

[COVID-19 Self-Assessment for Albertans](#)