



ReOpen Gull Lake School Plan

You have now received the Saskatchewan ReOpen schools plan and Chinook School Divisions ReOpen plan, but what does that really mean for Gull Lake School? Here are a few of the plans we have in place, following the Saskatchewan Health Authority and Ministry of Education guidelines. Please note: these plans will probably change a few times so bear with us as we figure out the best way to navigate the new school year. We are so excited to have your children back with us!

Staff will be back at GLS on August 27th. You will hear from your teacher sometime before school starts as well.

Parents can help!

- How can I help my child now? Take some time now before they return to school to teach your child(ren) about:
 - not sharing items (pencils, snacks, etc.)
 - how to wear a mask properly
 - good hygiene practices (face touching, coughing, sneezing etiquette)
 - being mindful of pick up and drop off times of the end of the day to avoid unsupervised gathering of kids

1. School Attendance –

- Staff and students are asked not to come to school if they have any Covid symptoms. Please stay home when sick.
- Signs and Symptoms Consistent with COVID 19 - Fever, Cough, Headache, Muscle and/or joint aches and pains, Sore throat, Chills, Runny nose, Nasal congestion, Conjunctivitis, Dizziness, Fatigue, Nausea/vomiting, Diarrhea, Loss of appetite, Loss of sense of taste or smell, Shortness of breath, Difficulty breathing
- If your child is sick at school, the expectation is that you will come pick them up once notified of the illness or have made immediate arrangements for the child to be picked up. We have a designated room in our school where a sick staff or student will go until picked up.
- You may be asked monitoring/screening questions from Mrs. Munt (or staff) when you let us know your child is sick/away. We monitor this for the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

What if my child has allergies/cold? If you know your child has a previous or repetitive medical condition, such as seasonal allergies, please discuss with school administration and provide supporting medical documentation.

2. School Entrances –

- All parents and essential visitors will call the school first, and answer the COVID screening questions and determine if the visit is essential. When visitors arrive, please refer to the stop sign that will be posted on all doors.
 - You will need to follow sanitizing procedures, wear a mask screening questions.
 - No parents or visitors will be allowed to use alternate doors, even if waiting for their child.
 - All essential visitors will need to sign in with their name and phone number for contact tracing for Sask Health Authority.
- Grades are assigned designated entrance/exit doors, as they were in previous years. Please check the doors for signage if you are unsure which door your child uses.
- When dropping off or picking up your child, please refrain from gathering. Please distance yourselves or wait in your vehicle.
- When students arrive, no earlier than 8:40 am, there will be a staff member at each door to monitor hygiene and procedures for entering the building.
- Staff members will supervise cohort groupings.

Where do I go the first day of school - Sept. 8th? The first day looks different! This is to provide the most safety on the first day back. The second day of school will be as before from 8:50am-3:10pm.

Bus students arrive at regular times, which are already somewhat staggered

Grade 1-9 town students/parent driven students arrive at 10:00 am

Grade 10-12 town students/parent driven students arrive at 11:00 am

Kindergarten students arrive at regular time on Sept. 9th

*Please go to your designated door (look for signage) and social distance outside until staff members let you know the procedures. Parents are **not** permitted in the building with their child(ren).*

3. Recess –

- Elementary classes will continue to have recess, with staggered times.
- The playground will be divided into areas so that each area does not have too many students in one location. We will be encouraging social distancing. Therefore, at the start of the year we will not be allowing football, TAG, etc. to occur.
- Middle Years students, who have to stay for lunch, will still have an outside time/recess first before they eat lunch. Their teachers will explain the designated area to them. They will then stagger their entrance inside for lunch.

How will my student know the procedures? Staff is prepared to explain and outline all the details to students the first day. It will take a few days to develop a routine.

4. Lunch –

- The expectation is that all families that have the capacity to have their children home at lunch are doing so to help minimize the number of students staying at school for lunch
- Handwashing is required before eating by all grades so we will be staggering the schedule to accommodate that
- All classes will remain in their classrooms to eat. Larger sized classes will be spread out over two rooms.
- Microwaves will be unavailable to students.
- Water fountains will be unavailable, but water filling stations will be available. Please send water bottles each day. They will be sent home daily for washing.
- Until further notice from the SHA, all hot meal days and muffin mornings have been cancelled.
- The Snack Bar is closed until further notice.

What if my child goes home for lunch? They will be dismissed at our 12:10 bell as usual. They will be required to re-enter the building through the main entrance, and sanitize again before returning to their homeroom. If they return while it is outside recess, they can join their friends on the playground.

5. Classrooms –

- Sanitizer has been placed in every room and will be used consistently. Any movement from one room to another will require sanitization. Handwashing will also be encouraged.
- Rooms will be configured the best we can within the space we have available. Larger classes may be spread out into two rooms when possible and/or masks will be required when we cannot physical distance for Gr 4-12 classrooms.
- We have limited the amount of staff moving from one area to another area (example, most elementary staff will stay in their wing).
- K-10 classes will mainly remain in a homeroom, and specialty teachers will come to each classroom. (example, the Art teacher will go to the homeroom)
- Learning will continue as usual. There will be some time at the beginning of the year to teach students about the at home learning (online procedures) in case we need to go that route at some point in the year.
- There will be catch up and review time to see where everyone is at from last school year with a focus on foundational ELA/Math concepts.
- Curriculum has not been altered, but main concepts and outcomes will be the focus in all subject areas.
- Small group learning may still occur with teachers and students wearing masks when working in a close setting so best instructional practices can still occur.
- Students will travel to Phys. Ed and PAA, therefore these rooms will be sanitized after each use, as well as shared equipment.
- Students may be required to wipe down a table/desk and/or supplies.

How will the gap from last year be filled? Teachers will spend some time getting to know your child and their needs, will determine where everyone is at (possibly through some assessments) and then determine programming. Student Services (Mrs. Steinley and Mrs. Dysart) will still be offering programming to help fill those gaps if needed.

6. Buses –

- Sanitization will occur as a student is entering the bus.
- Families will be asked to sit together to limit exposure.
- When students get off the bus in the morning, they will go to their designated door at the school.
- Buses that are at full capacity and/or where physical distancing cannot occur will be required to wear a mask.
- Your driver will be contacting you prior to the beginning of the school year.
- Extra time at the end of the day will be allowed so bus students can get ready and out the door in a staggered fashion.

Can my child take a friend home on the bus? Not at this time. Only registered bus students will be allowed on buses.

7. Cleaning and Protection –

- Our facilities staff, Jody, Lisa and Marc, have a lot of procedures to follow and have been doing an amazing job of keeping up with all the communication.
- Enhanced cleaning, especially high touch surfaces, will happen throughout the day. All staff will help in some of these areas too.
- Masks are recommended for K-3 students in the hallway/common areas.
- Masks are recommended for grade 4-12 students in the hallway/common areas, and required in highly populated areas where physical distancing is not possible

Will students be asked to clean? Students will not be asked to provide deep cleaning services, although will continue to expect students to look after their own belongings, including their desk top/table top area and locker. It may be reasonable to ask older students to wipe down their desks.

8. Large Gatherings –

- At this time, large gatherings (assemblies, concerts, drama productions, tournaments, etc.) are not allowed. We are hoping to find some creative ways to assemble virtually. We will be following the Chinook School Division's recommendations on school sports and activities.
- No outside group/organization using the facility inside or outside is allowed.

Will there be a Christmas Concert? It is too early to make that decision. Hopefully by the end of October we will know more.

9. Gym –

- Physical Education classes are scheduled as per the curriculum minutes.
- Classes will be outside in the fall as much as possible and playing games that have as much non-contact as possible. For instance, badminton, noodle tag, track and field that promote physical distancing.
- Change rooms will not be open initially. Students will not be expected to change into gym clothes. We will let you know if this changes.

Will there be extra-curricular sports? This is still being determined by Chinook School Division. Please watch our website and social media for more information.

10. Snacks –

- Snacks at recess or in between classes are still allowed, but students must wash their hands before and after snacks. Staggered hand washing will occur so students can eat.
- No sharing of food will be allowed.

Can I bring cupcakes for my child's birthday? Unfortunately, no outside food can be shared between students at this time. When that changes, we will let you know. We love to celebrate holidays!

11. Materials –

- At present, we are planning to allow students to use our hallway lockers and strategically planned to promote physical distancing.
- We are encouraging the least amount of materials to be brought back and forth from home to school, excluding their first day school supplies. Please only bring what you need to school (ie. no toys, balls, etc.).
- More frequent cleaning of lockers and desks will occur with items being sent home.
- If anything is sent home from the school (textbooks, homework) you are strongly encouraged to disinfect the items prior to it entering your home as per the ReOpen Chinook Plan.

How will my child do their homework? When your child cannot be at school, the continued learning and communication will be through technology as much as possible. Teachers will spend some time teaching your child how to use the program they are using for short term at home learning. A video will be released to families showing them how to use the programs as well.

12. Technology –

- Most of our middle years and high school classes have sets of Chromebooks.
- Chromebooks will be assigned to a student for their classes, cleaned before and after usage, and not shared if possible. Chromebooks remain at the school.
- The shared Chromebooks for elementary will be cleaned thoroughly before and after each use. Classroom and computer lab computers will have extra cleaning. Other computers will have extra cleaning.

Can my child just bring their own Chromebook to use? SHA is recommending non-essential materials stay at home, so until that is lifted, please leave them at home. Plus, they cannot hook up to the Chinook servers.



What will be the same?

- Learning face to face in classrooms
- Best instructional practices
- Individualized programming
- Use of lockers
- Water filling stations/water bottles
- Social media, newsletters, website updated regularly
- Student safety
- Communication with teachers
- Connecting with peers

What will look different in the fall?

- Attendance awards will not be presented
- Microwaves are unavailable
- Water fountains are unavailable
- Inside or outside facility rentals are not allowed
- Assemblies, pep rallies, and large gatherings are not permitted
- Students and staff wearing masks
- Signage for procedures
- Physical distancing