



Back to School Plan August 2021

The staff of Galbraith Elementary School are committed to providing students with an inclusive learning environment that develops engaged, ethical and innovative learners.

As we all know, the effects and response to COVID-19 are constantly changing. This plan will need to be revised throughout the year, as outlined by the school division, board, and municipal and provincial governments. This is a living document that can change, and we are committed to communicating any changes with our community in a timely manner.

If at any time you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (403) 327-3465.

We cannot wait to see our Galbraith families and begin the 2021-2022 school year!

Please take time to read Lethbridge School Division's Re-Entry Plan for 2021-2022 at the following link for the most detailed information and guidance. Galbraith will be using this information to guide their planning.

[Lethbridge School Division Re-Entry Plan](#)

The information below outlines specific protocol for Galbraith families, following the guidance of Lethbridge School Division's Re-Entry Plan.

Daily Health Screening

Before leaving home, staff, children/students, visitors, and volunteers who will access the school for work or education, must self-screen for symptoms each day that they enter the school using the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#).

Please stay home if you are sick!

Masks

All students (EEP to Grade 5) and staff in the school must wear masks in common areas of the school. Masks outdoors will not be required.

When cohorted in their classroom, students and staff can remove masks if they choose.

All visitors to the school will need to wear masks at all times.

Masks will be mandatory for all students who take the bus to and from school.

Communication with Families

Our main modes of communication continue to be through email and the school website. We will also continue to use our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram) to share the same information. Please be sure to continuously check our district website, social media accounts, and the email account you provided to the school. If your contact information changes, please be sure to contact our office.

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| School website: | <u>http://www.gal.lethsd.ab.ca</u> |
| Facebook: | <u>https://www.facebook.com/galbraithschool/</u> |
| Twitter: | <u>https://twitter.com/GalbraithLeth</u> |
| Instagram: | <u>https://www.instagram.com/galbraithelementary/</u> |
| YouTube: | <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1bkgTHOHHGne-WQUDacayw</u> |

Arrival and Departure Procedures

Tuesday, August 31

All students whose last names begin with the letters A-M will come to school for the full school day.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

All students whose last names begin with the letters N-Z will come to school for the full school day.

After this time, all students will enter and exit the building at their designated door which is determined by proximity to the classroom. Teachers will provide this information to students on their first day of school.

Lunch and Snacks

Students will be expected to eat their lunches in their regular classrooms with their class cohort. This is the same practice as in previous years. Cleaning and hygiene protocols will be followed before and after students eat. We continue to ask students not to share food, utensils or napkins. Students will bring home their recycling (e.g. juice boxes) at the end of each day. Physical distancing will be practiced while students have lunch in their classes and during snack times.

Water Fountains and Hydration Stations

Our water fountains and hydration stations will be cleaned routinely as part of the updated cleaning schedule. We strongly encourage students to bring their own water bottle from home labelled with their name and/or grade. This can be kept in their classroom with their belongings for the day. By having water bottles, it will reduce the number of fillings and visits to the water fountains and help to minimize the risks of contamination. It is recommended that water bottles be washed daily.

School Visitors

All visitors to the school must make an appointment in advance and be masked at all times while in the school.

School doors will be locked at all times. Visitors can ring the doorbell at the front door to gain entrance when they arrive.

Extra-Curricular Activities

All extra-curricular activities, such as after-school sports and Family Fun Nights, have been suspended at this time.