

Important Information about Starting at Bruce PS

The information below is broken up into 3 sections: Covid Specific Information, First Day of School and Things to Know

Covid Specific Information

Before coming to school, all staff and students are expected to conduct a daily [self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms](#). This self-assessment screening questionnaire will be provided to staff/students and visitors.

- Schools will send home a copy of the [self-assessment for COVID-19 symptoms](#) in the 20 most commonly translated languages ([available here](#)) so that parents can help their child to familiarize themselves with the questions they will be asked by staff when arriving to school.
- Schools will have a designated entry for any occasional staff, itinerant staff or visitors to the school and keep a log of those visitors for contact tracing purposes.
- For the first two to four weeks of the 2020-21 school year, a [verification of a self-assessment](#) for each student, staff member and visitor is to be completed at the school, based on direction from Toronto Public Health.

A self-assessment for students can be verified two ways:

- A parent/guardian signing the [TDSB Student Health Pass](#) daily and the student showing it to staff at the entry door.
- A parent/guardian completing the assessment on the [TDSB Health Screening App \(halfway down the webpage\)](#), which generates a QR code that a student can scan at the entry door (if they have a mobile device) or the student can present their name to a screener who can verify their entry status.

Employee or Student Showing Symptoms of COVID-19 OR a Household Family Member (Close Contact) is Waiting for COVID-19 Test Results

If an Employee/Student shows symptoms of COVID-19 or, they or a household family member are waiting test results:

- Employee/Student is to stay home.
- If symptoms appear at school, they must wait in the Wellness Room until picked up or arrangements can be made with the direction to self-isolate and seek testing for COVID-19. Call 9-1-1 for severe illness.
- Anyone providing care or supervision of ill employee or student must maintain a distance of at least two meters and use appropriate PPE from the kit.
- The ill individual will be required to wear appropriate PPE while in Wellness Room where possible.

It is recommended that employees, students, parents and visitors seek testing if they are demonstrating any symptoms of COVID-19 or if they do not pass the self-health assessment for any other reason. **These individuals are not permitted to enter the school.**

Employees, students, parents and visitors will be expected to report the results of their COVID19 test to their Supervisor/Principal as soon as they are available so additional action may be taken if necessary.

If test results are negative,

- And the individual has not had a high risk exposure to COVID-19, person may return to school 24 hours after symptom free.
- But they are a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, they must remain in self isolation for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.
- No communication is sent to other site employees.

Symptomatic Employee or Student Who Does NOT Get Tested

An Employee or Student who are symptomatic and do NOT go for testing, must self-isolate for 14 days from start of symptoms.

After 14 days, if well (no fever, no symptoms) they can stop self-isolating, but do have to practice physical distancing.

After 14 days, if unwell, contact Telehealth or primary health care provider. They must inform anyone who they have been in close contact with to self-isolate for 14 days from the last day they had contact. This includes persons who live in the same household.

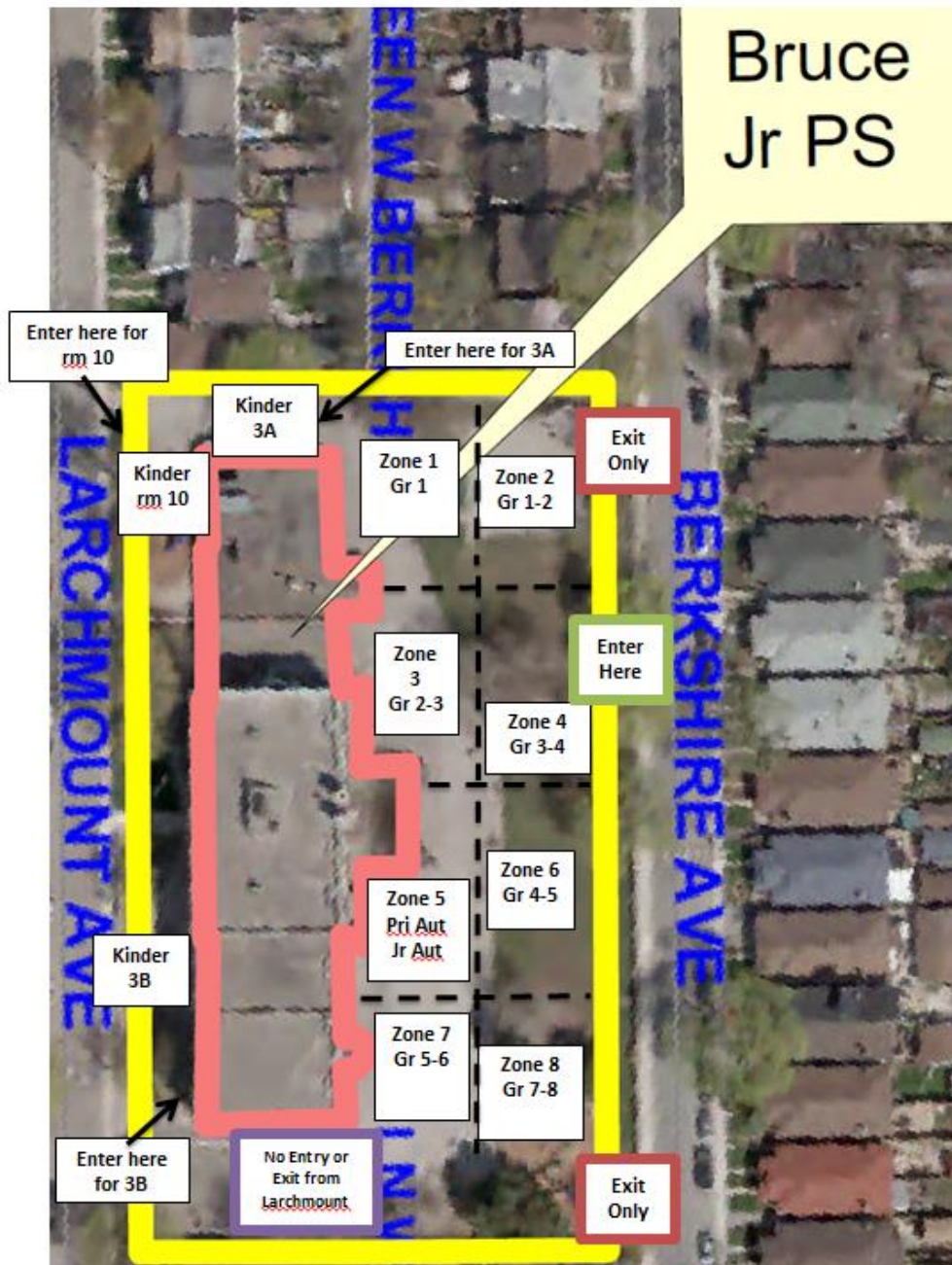
Employee/Student must inform Supervisor/Principal of this condition.

First Day of School

- There are designated spaces in the yard for classes in grades 1-8. They have been listed in the map on the next page. The 3 kindergarten yards have also been assigned to individual classes, and they are also listed on the map.
- All students start at 9am. School ends for kindergarten at 3:15pm, and for grades 1-8 at 3:30pm.
- Staff in grades 1-8 will be outside with signs to make it easier to see
- There will be no entrance from Larchmount for gr 1-8 and Kinder 3A. This is to make sure we can have a one-way traffic flow.
- Kinder rm 10, Kinder 3B and Diagnostic Kindergarten will enter from Larchmount to the kinder yards
- Caregivers are invited to enter through the dedicated yard entrance and follow the path to their child's zone when dropping off and picking up
- We ask that parents leave the yard through the dedicated exits
- We also ask that parents leave the yard as soon as their child has reached their dedicated space. This is to reduce the number of people on the yard and maintain our cohorts.

- We completely understand that this may be hard for some students. We will do everything in our power to make the transition for you child smooth. It has been our experience that having parents/caregivers leave soon after drop off works best for transitions.

Drop Off and Pick Up Locations



Other things to know

Things to Bring

- Water bottles (Water refill stations will be available. Water fountains are closed)
- Mask container
 - Students should bring either paper bags, breathable cloth bags, fanny packs, or ziplock bags to store clean and dirty masks (separately) during mask breaks, recess, or when not wearing a mask. Plastic bags are not recommended unless needed for short periods of time.
- Larger snacks (Snack program is not yet starting. If your child is going home for lunch they may see other children eating before their designated “go home for lunch” time)
- All weather clothing. We will be outside in the rain.

Arriving to School Late or Picking up Students Early

- Please call us in the office at 416 393-0670 or buzz us at the main door
- Your child will be picked up/dropped off at the main door. No parents will be entering the building for picking up or dropping off a student

Washroom Use

- We have a maximum of 3 people at a time in the girls and boys washrooms. There are two gender-neutral washrooms also available
- Stalls/Urinals have been spaced out with the ones in between closed to ensure distancing
- Spots to wait for washing hands have been marked on the ground
- Masks to need to be worn while in the washroom



Entering the school

- When students enter the school after recesses they will line up at a designated space with marked lines.
- They will use hand sanitizer outside before putting on their masks.
- Masks will be put back on before entering the building



Face Mask Info

Qualities of a Good Cloth Mask or Face Covering A good cloth mask should:

- Be at least two layers of tightly woven cotton or linen.
 - Cover over nose, mouth and chin, and be easy to breathe through.
 - Fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops without gaping or impairing vision.
 - Be comfortable to avoid the need for adjustments when wearing.
 - Maintain their shape after washing and drying.
 - Not contain non-breathable materials such as plastic.
- Proper Use of a Mask:
- Do not share your mask with others.
 - Wash your hands before putting on and after taking off a mask.
 - Place the mask over your nose, mouth and chin.
 - Avoid touching your face and mask while using it.
 - Change your mask as soon as it is moist or dirty.
 - For disposable masks, discard and do not use again after wearing for a day.
 - Do not leave your mask tucked under your chin, hanging from your ear, or on your forehead.
 - Remove the mask by the ear loops without touching the front of the mask.
 - For reusable cloth masks, put in a bag or directly in the laundry bin to be washed after use.

- Launder cloth masks with other items using the hot cycle and dryer or follow the care instructions provided by the manufacturer.

Quick Guide to Mask Wearing for Students

TDSB MASK GUIDELINES



Appendix B – Mask Exemption Quick Guide for Students

DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK IF...

I am unable to put on or take off a mask on my own?	No
I have a medical condition that is aggravated by a mask (e.g. eczema, severe breathing difficulties, etc.)?	No
I am receiving accommodation under the Ontario <i>Human Rights Code</i> due to a condition/circumstance that prevents me from wearing a mask?	No
I am drinking water, eating lunch, etc.?	No, masks may be temporarily removed while eating, drinking, or doing an activity that requires temporary removal (e.g., taking oral medication)
I am outside (e.g. in the school yard, on the field)?	No, as long as you are practicing physical distancing.
I am seated at my desk during regular class hours?	Yes
I am in the school hallways?	Yes
I am in the washroom?	Yes

- Learn more about [wearing, removing and storing face masks](#).
- School staff will monitor for and address any discrimination, bullying or harassment that is associated with a student either wearing or not wearing a mask. Students and parents are encouraged to report any incidents to the teacher or school principal.

