

BROWNSTOWN ELEMENTARY RE-OPENING PLAN

Brownstown Central Community Schools is committed to do the very best to ensure the safety of each student, staff member, and parent. The re-opening plan at the elementary school is a work in progress. As we are provided with more federal and state guidance, our plan will change and be updated.

Wearing a Mask: Masks are highly recommended; not required unless riding a bus or entering the nurse's office. Students who are participating in rug time with the teacher will be asked to wear masks. Students may wear masks at all times if he/she feels that is best.

Hand Sanitizing Stations: Hand sanitizer will be placed in each classroom and in areas throughout the building.

Entering the building: Students who arrive prior to 7:55 will go to the gym and sit down to wait for the 7:55 bell. Students who arrive on a bus, will leave their masks on until they reach their classroom. They will place their belongings in the classroom and then go to breakfast.

Dismissal: Students will wear masks to walk to the buses and on the bus. The K-1 car riders will wait in the gym. Car riders in grades 2-5 will disperse in the hallways and around the library areas. Parents will not be allowed to congregate in the office area prior to dismissal. If student's need to be picked up at dismissal time, parents will be asked to wait in their cars until after the buses leave. If you have a student that needs to be signed out after 2:30, the student will be walked to your vehicle.

Social Distancing: At this level, students will be taught to maintain a 3 feet distance when walking in the hall, standing in line, and maintaining a safe distance from others when playing at recess or working with others in the classroom.



Classroom Seating: Students will be separated by 36 inches according to WHO guidelines. Teachers who choose to read a story, have math meeting or rug time will be asking students to wear masks. These times will be limited to less than 15 minutes.

Group Work: Students can participate in group work but will be asked to keep 3 feet apart and group work will be limited to 15 minute sessions.

Cafeteria: Students will sit every other seat. Tables have been measured and there is at least 36 inches between students. Additional tables will be added. Preschool will eat in their classroom. A plan is in place to scan lunch cards to minimize contact between food service, the teacher, and student. Students will be asked to stand 3 feet away from each other in line and will have assigned seats.

Recess: Each grade level will be assigned an aide and will be given an area for recess. Each area will rotate daily.

Restroom Breaks: The number of students in the restroom will be limited to 5-6. The custodian will check the bathrooms throughout the day and sanitize.

Open House: A Drive-In Open House has been scheduled. Grades are spaced out over the course of two days and students are staggered according to last names. Students are encouraged to go to their classroom with their teacher to see the classroom and drop off supplies. Parents can use the time the student and teacher are getting acquainted to pay book rental, to put money in lunch accounts., and to get car rider tages. Bus information will be at the entrance of the building.

Student Belongings: Student belonging will be kept inside the student's desk or backpack. Coat closets will no longer contain the contents of the entire classroom.

Water Bottles/Drinking Fountains: Students are encouraged to bring water bottles that can be refilled at our refillable water stations. Water fountains will not be available to students.



Nurse's Office: All students and staff who enter the nurse's office will be asked to wear a mask. Any student who has suspected symptoms of COVID-19 or other contagious illness will be placed in an area specifically for this purpose. A students who is symptomatic of COVID will be asked to quarantine. A flow of traffic has been established to minimize the transmission of any illness. The secretary will sign out students. Parents will call when they arrive and the students will be walked out to meet their parents.

Absence: Student absences must still be reported to the office. Parents will be asked about symptoms of their child. Any unreported absence will be unexcused. There will be no attendance rewards this school year.

Instructional Time: Some instructional time will be used to allow for extra time for restroom breaks and to clean desks. Students will also be taught about social distancing and keeping themselves and others safe.

Questions: We are working hard to keep your child and staff safe. These are unprecedented times and we can all learn a great deal from each other. If you have questions, concerns,, or suggestions, please feel free to email the principal at cstreet@btownccs.k12.in.us. We all need to work together to make each student's school day the best that it can be.

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