



BELLEVILLE MENNONITE SCHOOL

BMS COVID-19 Parent/Guardian Return Agreement

Dear BMS Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As we begin a new school year together, I want you to know that regardless of the challenges that lie before us in this difficult season, it is our interest that we face those challenges together as a family and establish a common ground of understanding moving forward in our partnership for the good of our student body.

With our return plan focused on maintaining daily, in-person instruction with safety precautions well in place, it is necessary to recognize that the reality of risk does not go away. Even with planned vigilant cleaning, extra sanitizing, appropriate spacing, times of masking, daily temperature checks upon entry, and watching for any related symptoms, we simply cannot guarantee that there will not be exposure to COVID-19 at BMS during this pandemic season.

Making the decision to return in-person was based on an awareness of undeniable patron interest, informed flexible planning, ongoing collaboration on many levels, and research at both the local and state level while respecting applicable mandates. We will need to continue preparing for instances of exposure to this virus and respond accordingly with solid action, communication, understanding, and mutual respect along the way with area health personnel and our families. We are striving for the most safe, sanitary, and rich learning environment for our students and staff during this time and value your choice and interest in partnering with us as we press on into uncertain, yet exciting territory! Your support and involvement is crucial and greatly appreciated, as always.

By signing this form, you formally acknowledge these precautionary measures and areas of risk/concern and assume full responsibility for your child's elected attendance at Belleville Mennonite School. You also recognize that safety measures will be in place, and our COVID-19 Response Team, led by administration and board supported, will continue planning, adjusting, and responding to questions/concerns along the way through action and communication as appropriate. This also involves communication and action from families should exposure occur outside of school. We will need to know immediately if your child develops any COVID-19 related symptoms (fever, tightness of breath, excessive coughing/cold or flu-like symptoms), needs to get tested, has to quarantine for a time, etc. In any of these cases, distance learning formats will be explored on an individual basis to meet student and family needs.

Please read the statement below and check/sign that you agree:

I/we fully understand and accept the statements/terms noted above and agree to the outlined school safety measures and requests. I/we also understand that my/our child's attendance at Belleville Mennonites School is choice-based, and I/we assume all responsibility related to that choice.

Student Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your cooperation!

Nicholas J. Wilson
Superintendent
Secondary Principal
Belleville Mennonite School