

Alamance-Burlington Schools Success '21

 ONE ABSS

Pleasant Grove Elementary



For those families that have chosen for students to return to school buildings for in-person learning, please review the following information.

New Protocols

As we return to our school buildings, ABSS has implemented many safety protocols [outlined by NC Department of Health and Human Services](#), to maintain the health and well-being of staff and students during this time. A detailed list of protocols is available on the [ABSS website](#) and a few of the important updates are [highlighted in this video](#).

Pleasant Grove will follow all Covid-19 protocols outlined in the video above.

The district has pulled together [frequently asked questions and answers](#) for your review, but please feel free to reach out to the school with any questions.

Cleaning

The district works with the Budd Group to provide cleaning technicians at every school. These employees are dedicated to cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the school day. Additionally, the Budd Group completes cleaning in the evenings, after students and staff leave for the day.

Face Coverings

While on school property, inside or outside, students (aged 5 and up) and all adults will be required to wear cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth. Throughout the day, students

will have opportunities to remove their cloth face coverings, when eating breakfast and lunch. Students will also wear masks during PE and recess.

Please begin working with your students on wearing face coverings at home so that they are ready when they return to the school building.

The district has delivered extra face coverings to each school for students and staff who may be in need.

Students are not permitted to wear bandanas, neck gaiter, or head wrap as a face covering. Only proper cloth or disposable face masks may be worn. Students who forget their masks will be provided one.

Meals

Meals will be pre-packaged and delivered to the classrooms for students to eat. Students may still bring their own lunch to school if they wish. However, there will be no microwave access to heat lunches. At this time, all school meals are **free**.

The district will provide two bottles of water per day for each student. Water fountains will not be in use throughout the day.

At Pleasant Grove Elementary students will receive their pre-packaged breakfast as they enter the building and walk to class. Lunches will be delivered to classrooms at the grade level times outlined in the [master schedule](#).

Wait and Wash

Social distancing is a key component of returning to school safely. Social distancing (“physical distancing”) means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.

In common areas around the buildings, there will be clearly marked areas to remind everyone to remain socially distanced, 6 feet apart.

In addition to social distancing, students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, or hand sanitizer as much as possible.

- At Pleasant Grove we will utilize 6ft dots throughout the hallways and common areas to help students understand social distancing guidelines.
- We will also use tape throughout the center of the hallways to encourage students to remain on one side of the hallway.

- At restrooms we will use 12 inch “wait here” signs that are 6ft apart for students to stand on until it is their turn.
- Within each classroom, hallway, and entrance/exit students will have access to hand sanitizer
- We will also utilize athletic field paint to mark socially distant areas for fire drills, and indicate areas for recess for students.

Health Screenings

Students and staff returning to school buildings will be required to have an annual attestation form on file. Parents/Guardians can complete this form online for each student returning to campus. [Please use this link to complete the form.](#) Families should not send students to school if they are exhibiting signs of COVID-19. If students have a temperature above 100.4, they will have to return home with their parent or guardians.

Everyone will have their temperature taken before entering the building. If the student passes the health screening process, they will receive a wristband which allows staff to easily identify that they have been screened and can proceed into the building.

Car Riders will remain in the car during the screening process. The parent/guardian will help the student answer the attestation questions and the student will have their temperature taken.

Once the student passes the screening, they will receive their wristband.

- **Car riders will continue to utilize the entrance off Jacob Dixon Trail**
- **Car riders will receive their health screening (temperature, and questions) will be asked while students are in the vehicle.**
- **Wristbands and pre-packaged breakfasts will be received at the top of the stairs as students enter the school.**
- **Students will be expected to report directly to class.**
- **Teachers will be in the hallway to assist students to the correct locations**

Bus riders will be socially distanced on the bus, only one student per seat unless they are within the same household. Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete the health screening when they reach school.

- **Bus riders will be dropped off at the front entrance of the school**
- **Temperatures will be taken on the bus, and our four questions will be asked to each student as they step off the bus**
- **At the front entrance students will receive their wristband and pre-packaged breakfast before reporting to class.**
- **Teachers will be in the hallways to assist students with reporting to the correct locations.**

COVID-19 Symptoms

If a student shows symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be sent to an isolation room and Parent/Guardians are called to pick up their student immediately. If the parent/guardian consents, the school nurse can complete a COVID-19 rapid test. This test will provide results within 15 minutes. The school nurse will be in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Communications

The district has a communication guide that has helpful information about if/when families will be notified if there is a COVID-19 case at school. Additionally, the district shares data in a dashboard updated weekly. You can review the [communication guide and dashboard here](#).

If your child is having covid like symptoms please notify the main office or your child's teacher. We will work alongside the school nurse, and district personnel to follow all guidelines for reporting, contact tracing, and ensuring we maintain your students' privacy.

Classrooms

K-5

Students will remain with their classes and cohorts for the entire day and classrooms will be set-up to help students engage with their teacher and classmates while following social distancing protocols. Students will be able to spend time outside, and enjoy recess, weather permitting.

- **All classrooms will utilize desks arranged 6 feet apart, or tables that have a plexiglass divider to socially distance students.**
- **Students will receive recess based on the [master schedule](#)**
- **Students will receive recess as often as possible outside. If students cannot go outside they will receive specials in the gym within marked squares on the floor.**

Weekly Schedule

Our school will follow a cohort model beginning **March 1**.

- **Students with the last name A-K will receive their direct instruction Mondays and Tuesdays.**
- **Students with the last name L-Z will receive their direct instruction Thursdays and Fridays.**
- **All students will receive remote instruction on Wednesdays.**
- **If you choose in person or remote learning we will utilize the master schedule linked [here](#) for what your child's day will look like.**
- **Playground equipment will be utilized in limited capacity, and cleaned by our sanitization specialist between grade levels.**
- **The academic day will run from 7:50-2:35 Monday through Friday beginning March 1st.**
- **Students that are opting for in-person instruction will be welcomed into the building at 7:30 each morning.**
- **Dismissal will begin at 2:35. Car riders will utilize the entrance off Jacob Dixon Trail for picking up students. Bus riders will dismiss one bus at a time through the fifth grade exit for dismissal.**
- **At this time we will not be able to provide before and after school care. It is our goal to resume this service beginning next school year.**

(K-5) Instruction will be blended to include both teacher directed (scheduled time for instruction, lessons, discussion, and small groups) and independent work. [To learn more about "Blended Learning" and watch some helpful videos, visit our website.](#)

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Health and safety are important to us as we look forward to returning to the school buildings. In order to be successful, we will need everyone to take part. Wear your face covering. Wait 6 feet apart. Wash your hands. Begin working with your students and talking about the importance of the 3 Ws. We are excited to welcome everyone back!