

COVID-19 Policy

During this time we will be practicing excessive health and safety habits, we ask that you do the same when your child is not in school.

- At this time, parents will not be allowed to enter the fenced area of the school or the building themselves. Students will be dropped-off on the basketball court area of the school and escorted by a teacher to the playground. At pick-up a teacher will escort your child to the basketball court.
- Staff and students will need to wear a mask when inside the classrooms. Students under 4 are not required, unless the parent requests that their child wear a mask.
- All children and staff will sanitize their hands upon entering the gate. Students will wash their hands upon entering the classroom.
- Teachers will conduct a health screening by asking parents if the child has had a fever, shortness of breath, or a cough. If a child exhibits any of these symptoms they will not be allowed to attend. Symptoms will be documented.
- Temperatures of students and staff will be taken upon arrival, and at lunch.
- Increased hand washing and sanitizing will be practiced throughout the day.
- Staff will sanitize student materials, work areas, and work mats after use.
- Staff will sanitize bathrooms, door knobs, and other high-touch areas frequently.
- Students and staff will have to wear hair pulled back and away from their faces.
- Students will need to have their own water bottle for drinking water.
- Each classroom will have increased air circulation and teachers will utilize outside space as much as possible.
- Children will be placed 6 feet apart head to toe rather than head to head at rest time.
- Snacks will be served by a teacher wearing a mask instead of family-style.

DO NOT MEDICATE YOUR CHILD AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL

If your child has been given any medicine they may not attend. If your child is intentionally brought to school while they are sick they may not attend throughout the remainder of this pandemic. Think of the students and staff at the school, if anyone gets sick we will be forced to close.

- If anyone in your house is sick with a fever or cough your child may not attend until everyone in the house is symptom free.
- If your child has a fever of 100 F or over, shows signs of illness, or coughing you will be called and must immediately come to the school to pick up your child.
 - Your employer will sign a form that states that if your child is sick, you will be able to leave work immediately and come get your child.
- Children showing any signs of illness will be separated and staff will disinfect the classroom.
- Children with a fever and no other symptoms may not attend for 48 hours after the fever is gone. If the fever is accompanied by a cough or shortness of breath they must have a doctor's note to return, and must be 48 hours after symptoms have cleared.
- Children with a cough cannot attend.

If you must travel, please take the following precautions:

- If any member of the child's household returns from travels outside of Montana, your child may not return to childcare for 14 days.
- If any member in the household returns from travel within Montana we will continually monitor for symptoms and send the child home when necessary.
- If you think that a household member or your child could have been exposed in any way to the virus you are required to keep them home for the 14-day period.

If any parent, child, staff, or household member is tested positive for Covid-19 they must quarantine for 14 days and notify the school immediately.

Symptoms include:

- New or worsening cough
- Fever of 100 F or higher
- Shortness of breath

To help mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and other illnesses, you can take simple steps to protect yourself and family:

- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough and sneezes with your elbow or tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash your hand frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 second

If recommendations by the State of Montana change or there is a wide spread of Covid-19 cases in Butte we will notify you if the school would need to close again.

I understand these policies and will abide by them:

Printed Name _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____