



# Brant Ave Public School

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! As you are working to get your child(ren) ready to return to school, you may be thinking of what students should bring to school to help with their safe return this fall. This year with the Covid-19 protocols, there will be limited sharing of school supplies. We will have basic items for students to complete their work, however, we are providing a list of items that you may want to consider getting for your child(ren) if you are able, so that they have their own materials.

**Personal Belongings:** Due to Covid-19 protocols, students will have limited access to shared cubbies or hooks. Backpacks will be kept at your child(ren)'s desk or table on the back of their chair, so they should contain only essential items. **Toys, games, sport equipment, etc. need to be kept at home.** If students bring their own small container of hand sanitizer, it must be **unscented**. **Indoor shoes are not needed at this time.**

**Lunch:** Students need to be able to open their containers and prepackaged food independently, as this will help to limit multiple contact points with your child(ren)'s personal items. Due to Covid-19 protocols, lunch items that can be recycled will be sent home with your child(ren), rather than collected and recycled at school.

**Water bottles:** Due to Covid-19 protocols, our water fountains are currently unavailable for use. All students will require a **labeled, reusable water bottle**, which will be brought home each day to be washed. Your child(ren) will be able to refill this water bottle as needed throughout the day.

**Masks:** Students should bring a minimum of **two face masks each day**. Students should keep their clean mask(s) in a resealable plastic bag or pouch in their backpack or a fanny pack, and have an empty bag or pouch available for the mask they are wearing. Students will need to wear a mask in the morning when lining up to enter the school, and when moving through the halls. Masks will also be worn in the classroom when students are not eating or drinking. During outdoor learning and recess, students will keep their masks with them using a school-supplied, colour-coded lanyard, but will not be required to wear them.

Here is a list of the suggested school supplies for each grade. Please open new packages ahead of time if it's too hard for your child(ren) to open, so there is less physical contact. Classroom teachers may send home further information about other supplies during the first week of school.

Kindergarten	Grades 1 & 2	Grades 3 - 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-clipboard</li> <li>-labeled set of 'just in case' clothes</li> <li>-pencils, eraser, and pencil sharpener that holds shavings</li> <li>-glue stick</li> <li>-pencil crayons</li> <li>-crayons</li> <li>-markers</li> <li>-child-sized scissors</li> <li>-pencil case (name clearly labeled)</li> <li>-labeled headphones or earbuds</li> <li>-personal travel pack of Kleenex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-pencils, eraser, and pencil sharpener that holds shavings</li> <li>-glue stick</li> <li>-pencil crayons</li> <li>-crayons</li> <li>-markers</li> <li>-child-sized scissors</li> <li>-pencil case (name clearly labeled)</li> <li>-labeled headphones or earbuds</li> <li>-personal travel pack of Kleenex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-pencils, eraser, and pencil sharpener that holds shavings</li> <li>-glue stick</li> <li>-pencil crayons</li> <li>-markers</li> <li>-scissors</li> <li>-pencil case (name clearly labeled)</li> <li>-30cm ruler</li> <li>-calculator (basic, inexpensive model)</li> <li>-labeled headphones or earbuds</li> <li>-personal travel pack of Kleenex</li> </ul>

Here are some helpful tips to help students transition to school

- Place items in containers that your child can open with ease.
- Open the corners of prepackaged foods when packing lunch so your child can easily open it at school.
- Place an 'emergency' spoon in your child's lunch and always leave it in there. Tell them about where the 'emergency' spoon is. That way if you do accidentally forget to pack a spoon for them, they will still have one to use.
- Have a special 'picnic lunch' before school starts. Pack your child's lunch in the containers and lunch bag they will be using at school, to check to see if they can open the lunch bag and containers independently.

We can't wait to see all of our Brant Ave Bears back at school!

Sincerely,  
The Brant Avenue Staff