

May 28, 2020

Thursday update:

It has been a very busy week here. These are confusing times and I would like to try to bring some clarity about what school looks like.

Essential worker families need our school as a safe place to send their children while they are at work. Vulnerable students need our extra support and a safe place to continue their learning. We want all students to continue to feel connected to each other and to their teachers but our capacity is reaching maximum density. Teachers may be contacting some of our families for clarification tomorrow. If your family's needs have changed, please contact your child's teacher as they are completing the groupings and schedules tomorrow.

Teachers have developed their online curriculum and scheduled their online meetings with great success. Online instruction may look a bit different going forward, but that will be the bulk of our instructional time – regardless of whether the students are in the building or in their homes. Safety is our primary concern and we take these responsibilities quite seriously. It is important for your children to be prepared for school to look and feel quite different.

I have included a list of protocols that we have been working on so that everyone has a better idea of what our 'new school rules' are. Thank you for taking the time to read them over and please review them with your children so that they are better prepared and have a better idea of what to do at school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Palmer

BACK TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME



- Everyone entering the school needs to make sure that they are healthy. Anyone who is showing symptoms or feeling sick needs to self-isolate at home so they don't get others sick.
- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school.
- If you are unsure about sending your child to school, please refer to the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#), or contact 8-1-1, or the local public health unit to seek further input.
- If your child does show symptoms while at school, they will be isolated and you will be notified and asked to pick up your child **as soon as possible**.



PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR A DAY AT SCHOOL

- Please ensure that your child washes his/her hands before school and when they return home. This will be a frequent, routine procedure throughout your child's day at school.
- Your child will be asked to use only their personal items and not to share them. All lunch items, including wrappers/garbage/compost will be packed out in lunch kits as well.
- Please pack water bottles, as all water fountains will be turned off.
- Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school, or send sunscreen they are able to apply themselves (teachers will not be permitted to apply sunscreen to your child), and a hat for sunny days, and proper clothing for all kinds of weather, as we will be spending lots of time outdoors.

INCREASED HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

- We need to be careful so that we don't spread germs at school. To keep everyone safe, things will be different at school.
- Students who come to school will attend in smaller groups and will attend part-time.



MORNING DROP OFF / PICK UP

- We will implement staggered drop-off and pick up times, in addition to modified/staggered lunch and recess times in order to ensure physical distancing measures are kept.
- Students will go to their class line up area to wait. There will be 2 meter distancing markers to stand on/in (chalk circles, tape boxes, tape lines).
- Parents will not be able to come into the school, unless absolutely necessary. This would be through the office only. The front door will remain locked throughout the day.



ENTERING THE BUILDING

- Students will be invited in from the line up one by one.
- A teacher or other staff member will assess each student for symptoms of respiratory infection and admit students one by one
- Each student will go to their desk/table in the classroom, drop off their supplies, and proceed to the sink to wash their hands



CLASSROOM SET UP The classroom will look different.

- Desks/tables/spaces will be set up to leave at least 2 meters of space in between them.
- Many things in the classroom will be put away.
- Students will sit at their own table or desk.
- There will be tape/markers on floor for one way travel to avoid accidental close contact.



LOTS AND LOTS OF HAND WASHING

- There will be many hand washing times throughout the day.
- You may want to send hand sanitizer to keep in your child's area for their personal use.

WASHROOM USE

- We will limit washroom use to one at a time and specific bathrooms will be used by each class.
- We need to limit the things that we touch and keep it clean.



HALLWAY TRAFFIC

- There will be directional flow markers for students to follow in hallways so that physical distancing can be observed.

SNACKS AND LUNCHES



- Children should bring all food in a lunch bag and containers that can be packed in and all remaining food and wrappers will be packed out (you may want to send an extra baggie to pack the garbage in).
- There will be NO lunch drop off after school start.
- Students will eat snacks and lunch in their assigned seat.
- Students will eat only their own food, and will not share with others.



RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS

- There will be NO physical contact sports, but there will be more time outside with classmates.
- Playground structures will be open starting June 1. Play areas will not be disinfected.
- We will not be able to share equipment at school. Physical distance will be enforced.
- Students will need to find other things to do outside, and keep their distance from others.



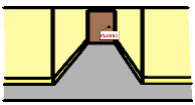
INSTRUCTION



- Students will need to stay at their desk or table and do their activities on their own, keeping distance at all times.
- Much time will be spent outside, with physical distance boundaries observed.
- Online devices will be needed and many of our school computers have been signed out. BYO device is strongly encouraged.
- Classes will be very quiet and have little movement. Please include activities or something to do during quiet time in your personal daily supplies.



SOME SPACES WILL BE OFF LIMITS



- Gym, Library, Story Studio, Nest, Multi-purpose rooms will be No-Go Zones

THE CUSTODIANS WILL WORK HARD TO HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN (THANK YOU LLOYD!!)

- We need to remember to respect how we use all areas of our school.
- We can make their job easier by making sure that we clean up after ourselves and leave our desk/table spaces clear.
- Our school will be cleaned and disinfected more frequently, including classrooms and high touch areas.



ATTENDANCE

- If your child is unable to attend school on a day they have been scheduled to attend, please call the school office to notify them.