



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TO STAFF AND PARENTS

Dear parents and guardians,

The current public health order requires that we extend winter break until January 10, 2022 with the exception of children whose parents are health care workers, teachers, or other services deemed essential. Children with special needs or circumstances can attend next week as well.

Instruction was suspended the week of January 4 – 7 for all children. The adults at the school supervised those children who were able to come to the school, but formal teaching will not be happening until January 10, 2022 when classes resume for all students.

We have done this before and we will get through it again, together.

Please read the health and safety guidelines below to learn of the updates in our protocols.

Please read the [K-12 communicable Disease Guidelines](#) including the recent December 30, 2021 update.

We will send emails with updated information and plans as they unfold.

Thank you for your patience and support. We look forward to getting back to regular classes Monday, January 10, 2022.

Sincerely,

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PARENTS OR VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

When school resumes, after winter break, any adult wishing to enter the school must make an appointment.

Please contact the office if you need to enter the school. This includes picking up or dropping off of students. Please remain in your vehicle limiting proximity to school and other students or staff.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Parents and guardians are asked to monitor their children daily for symptoms and not to send them to school if they are sick.

People who are sick will not be allowed at school. Use the [Daily Health Check App](#) and follow the recommendation.

STAGGERING, STOP, RECESS, AND LUNCH TIMES

Entering/Exiting School –

We currently have four entrances for the six classes. We have made arrangements so that the two entrances with multiple classes will stagger entrance and exit.

Handwashing – All students entering the school will be required to hand sanitize or wash their hands immediately upon entrance to their classroom. Each classroom is equipped with a sink and will have required materials to adequately clean hands.

Check-In Procedures –

Teachers will check-in regularly with students once they have washed their hands and throughout the day. We ask that families communicate with EES if your child becomes ill and requires isolation. If your child is away sick, please let the school know the reasoning about why they are away. Interior Health has put an emphasis on schools tracking absences during this time.

Mask Wearing – students are still encouraged to wear masks as much as possible and in areas of higher risk. This is for the safety of everyone. If parents enter the school, we ask that masks be worn as it is often difficult to maintain physical distance between yourself & the students. If parents enter the school, we again require an appointment prior to arriving & sign-in using the QR code. ***Please provide your child a properly fitted mask.**

Break Time / Recesses - Students will eat their lunch in their designated desks. Staff will be encouraged to disperse from large groups and use staffroom, library, or classroom work area to eat their lunch. Once outside, students will have designated areas for Intermediate and Primary.

Classroom Instruction –

- Desks/tables will be spaced appropriately to maximize space between students; seating arrangements where students directly face one another will be avoided
- Each classroom will have established procedures for everyday routines (bathroom/computer use/handwashing, etc.)
- Activities that require close face-to-face contact will be avoided
- An increase in outdoor instruction is encouraged





SPORT TOURNAMENTS

At this time, all BC school sport tournaments are paused. Schools may play team versus team in the school but schools will not be allowed more than two teams at a time.

IMPORTANT HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES AT OUR SCHOOL

The prevention measures already in place in the school continues to be effective at reducing the risk of COVID-19.

These include:

Wearing a well fitted mask

Masks should:

- Cover the mouth and nose and go under the chin
- Fit tightly with no gaps (consider adjustable masks)
- Be made of three layers of fabric, including two layers of tightly-woven fabric, with a filter or filter fabric between layers.
- If there are two layers with a pocket for a filter, use a filter

Getting fully vaccinated

Staying home when sick

Completing the daily health check

Cleaning hands regularly

For more information, visit the SD6 webpage:

<https://www.sd6.bc.ca/Parents/COVID-19%20Communication/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

