

RETURN TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2021-22

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

Gatherings and Events

- Social gathering and events are in line with those permitted for our region by the provincial health order for outside and inside
- Space arrangement in indoor spaces allow for people to carry out intended activities without involuntary physical contact
- Room capacities are not exceeded
- WorkSafeBC guidance for workspaces is used to determine measures for individual work, shared spaces and staff meetings

In-class Interactions

- A handshake as a morning greeting is replaced with a wave/good morning
- Children stagger entry into and out of the school
- Children are guided to respect physical space
- Student mask wearing is required for K-Year 7 students when indoors
- All children have their own individual working materials in class
- Food is not shared or prepared by children
- Staff working with children K-7 must wear a mask indoors

Health & Hygiene practices

- Parents are aware of the New K-12 Health Check app that can be accessed for this purpose. A link to the app is provided on our website.
- Staff are required to complete a health screening on a daily basis upon arrival to work
- Staff & students have all been instructed on protocols for hand washing, sneezing & coughing.
- Should a child become ill during the day, they will be isolated, given a mask to wear and parents will be called to pick them up.
- Staff who may feel ill must leave for the day and seek health advice.
- Students will be washing their hands upon entering & exiting the school, during the day when transitioning to a new activity.
- High touch areas in the school will be cleaned & disinfected mid-day.

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- Daily custodial practices will be very thorough covering cleaning & disinfecting with products recognized by Health Canada.
- HEPA Air Purifiers are used in each classroom and doors & windows can be opened for ventilation.
- H/VAC system is maintained and a new filter has been put in place
- Staff is expected to maintain physical distancing from other adults when moving about the school, in the lunchroom and in staff meetings.
- Staff working with students with disabilities/diverse abilities is required to wear a non-medical mask.

Visitors/Parents

- Main communication with parents will be by phone/email
- Professional development activities will take place virtually or in a space in which physical distancing can be maintained & non-medical masks are worn.
- Parent/Teacher conferences & meetings can take place in person while exercising social distancing and wearing a mask.
- Any parents, visitors or maintenance persons must fill out a health screening form, maintain physical distancing and wear a non-medical mask when inside the school.
- Exceptions will be provided for visitors who cannot tolerate masks for health or behavioural reasons.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Masks will be available to all students. Mask wearing is required for students K- 7 unless there is an exemption .The mask policy applies to working inside. Masks are not required outside unless engaged in activities when distance cannot be maintained.
- Masks & Sneeze guards are available for staff. The wearing of PPE (mask or face shield) is required by all staff except when: sitting in (or standing at) their personal workstation, or while maintain 2M physical distance in the classroom, when eating or drinking, when there is a physical barrier in place or outdoors.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

- More classes will be scheduled to take place outside
- The preschool classroom is extended with an outside learning space
- New configured classrooms allow for individual spacing
- Canopies allow for an outside learning space
- A Plexiglas sneeze guard is installed around the office
- A table sneeze guard is available for staff to use with students
- Posters are in washrooms and shared spaces as a visual reminder to follow health & safety protocols
- Protocols specific to PHE and Music will be delivered in line with guidance delivered by BC Music Educators' Association and PHE Canada guidelines. If singing takes place inside, masks are required. Singing takes place in a maximum 15 minutes period. Music equipment is sanitized after use. Students hand sanitize before & after the use of any equipment.

PERSONAL MEASURES

- Stay home when ill
- Practice Physical Distancing
- Practice Respiratory Etiquette & Personal Hand Hygiene
- Complete a health screening check DAILY

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