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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school! It has been a long spring break! We are excited that your child is returning for the month of June. With the return to school during COVID, there are several new protocols that have been put in place. These protocols are within the guidelines set out by Work Safe BC, the Public Health Office and the Ministry. Please read the letter carefully so that you become familiar with the new “norms” for the school and classrooms.

Please note that students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be in attendance two days/week. Students in Grades 6 and 7 will be in attendance one day/week. Please note that some families may have to drop their children off on different days and may not have their teacher for the day or portions of the day.

In preparation for the reopening of school in June, please note the following:

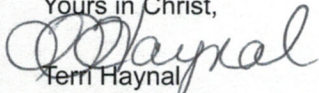
- You must check your child each day for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to dropping your child off at the school site. The parental check will include checking fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fatigue, headache, muscle aches (common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 like symptoms). Children who exhibit symptoms will be expected to stay home. They should be assessed by a healthcare provider and tested for COVID-19.
- If the child is coming to school without the parent, a note clearly indicating that the health check was completed that morning must be given to the office prior to the child being allowed in the classroom. The office will contact the parent to get the confirmation verbally or through an email if there is no note.
- In grades K - 5 - remind your child that they are not to be in contact with another child (Keep their hands to themselves at all times).
- In grades 6 and 7 - social distancing protocols for 2 meters will be in place. This includes while in class, on the playground, and when lining up.
- The front entrance will remain locked during the day.
- Students must bring a lunch, snack and enough water for the day and their inside shoes. The water fountains will be turned off and students will have limited use of the sinks for drinking as they will be used for handwashing. Lunch will be eaten in the classroom prior to students going outside to play.
- All recycling and lunch garbage will be repacked into the lunch kit and taken home.
- If you are bringing your child to school late, a phone call to the office is needed to make arrangements for a staff member to meet you and your child at the gym foyer doors (10th Street).
- If you are picking up your child early, a phone call to the office is needed to make arrangements to meet you at the gym foyer doors (10th Street).

- You must follow the schedule for your child or children. It is attached to the email with this letter.
- **Parents may not accompany their child into the school as there are limited entry protocols in place.** Students will enter through the mudroom doors. They will take off their shoes and place them on the shelves labelled with their names. They will proceed down the hallway to a station where their hands will be sanitized before going up to the classrooms.
- Tape and arrows indicate the direction in which the students will travel up and down stairs as well as up and down the hallways.
- Only one student at a time will be allowed in the washrooms.
- Room occupancy must be adhered to.
- Recess may be staggered depending on the schedule of the classroom teacher.
- Limited numbers of students will be allowed on the playground equipment. This will be regulated by the supervisors and the children must listen to and adhere to the new protocols.
- If a child comes to the office complaining of not feeling well, parents will be contacted and the child must be picked up immediately and taken home. It may be advised that the parent phone 811 if the child presents with COVID symptoms.

We have appreciated all the support we have received during the continuation of learning for your child. We are entering a new phase and again are appreciative of all the support we have received thus far. Thank you for filling out our surveys which provided us with insightful information as we continue to move forward. Please let us know how your child's first day back went upon their return to home. If you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to call or email.

Thank you and God Bless your families as we, together, continue our educational journey.

Yours in Christ,



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