

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

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Dear Notre Dame School Parents and Guardians;

This morning our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, along with the Ministry of Education updated school requirements in relation to COVID-19. The full document from the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control can be found HERE. Notre Dame School has continued to diligently follow all guidelines and requirements as outlined by the Provincial Health Officer, the Ministry of Education, and the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, and will continue to do so. The following change pertains to students:

- All students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 and all school staff are required to wear a mask at all times at school, except when:
 - Eating or drinking, and
 - o Outdoors.
- Students may be exempt from this requirement if:
 - A person is unable to wear a mask because they don't tolerate it for health or behavioural reasons;
 - o A person is unable to put on or remove a mask with the assistance of another person;
 - The mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it; and
 - If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. playing a wind instrument, high intensity physical activity, etc.).

Please ensure your child, regardless of their grade, has a clean face mask with them each school day. The mask must be washed every day or a new mask provided for the next day. If the above exemptions pertain to your child, please contact Mrs. Richard.

It is vital to the health and safety of our school that families complete a daily health check each morning before sending their child(ren) to school. The Ministry of Education, Public Health, and the BCCDC have created a daily health check website and mobile apps for students and parents to complete each morning:

- Mobile enabled website
- iPhone app
- Google Android app

Thank you for working with Notre Dame School to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,
Colleen Richard
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