

August 28, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school is getting ready to welcome students back to school in a safe and controlled manner. The Ministry of Education announced that BC schools will open in Stage 2 where students are encouraged to attend daily as schools will not be able to provide the remote learning options that we did in June. The first day of school for students is Thursday, September 10th. You can read more here: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/k-12-education-restart-plan.pdf</u>. On Tuesday, September 8th and Wednesday, September 9th staff will be reviewing and implementing safety procedures within the school.

The Ministry also has a site with information for parents: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school</u>

We have worked under the guidance of public health authorities and the Ministry of Education to develop a plan so that students and staff can learn and work together safely. We are ready to welcome your child back to school. We will strive to keep learning as the focus, but school *will* look different as health and safety are critical factors in our planning. Below is a brief summary of some of the actions taken to safely restart school this September.

Health and Safety

- Daily health screening check for students (by parents) and staff before arriving at school.
- Students who are ill (cold, flu or <u>showing Covid-19 symptoms</u>) must stay home. If a child becomes ill during the school day, they will be isolated from their Learning Group/class and the parents contacted to come and pick up as soon as possible.
- Families arriving from outside of Canada must self-isolate for 14 days before entering school.
- There will be enhanced cleaning protocols especially focused on high touch points (doorknobs, faucets, etc.)
- Teachers will be encouraged to take their class outside more frequently.
- A staggered schedule may need to be adopted to promote physical distancing at drop off/pick up; and recess and lunch times.
- There will be no large gatherings (assemblies, special events, open house) at this time.

- Elementary students are welcome to wear a mask, but it is not mandatory at this time.
- No sharing of food or drink.
- Parents and visitors must make an appointment to meet with staff. There will be limited access to the building by parents and visitors. All visitors must sign in for the purpose of contact tracing. Virtual meetings will be an option for staff and parents.
- We also ask parents to also practice physical distancing (staying apart 2m) when on school grounds. This is for your safety and good modeling for our students.

Learning Groups

- A <u>Learning Group</u> is defined as a group of students and staff who remain together for an extended period of time and who interact primarily with each other.
 - In the Coquitlam School District, the Learning Group will include your child's classmates and any staff assigned to work with the students on a regular basis, like your child's teacher.
 - Within the learning group, while there will be less opportunities to physically distance, physical contact will be discouraged.
 - The learning group will stay together. Students will learn, eat and play together.
 - Class size limits have not changed, therefore a kindergarten class will have no more than 22 students along with the staff who work regularly with the classroom; a primary class with no more than 24; and an intermediate class with no more than 30 students in the group.
 - The Ministry of Education has stated that Learning Groups cannot exceed 60 people at elementary school. Therefore, our Learning Group sizes are well under the provincial limits outlined in Stage 2. In most cases our Learning Groups will be kept well below 60.
- Morning, recess, lunch and afterschool schedules and routines will be adjusted to keep Learning Groups apart as much as possible.
- If children interact with students or staff from other learning groups, they will be expected to
 practice physical distancing wherever possible and not engage in physical contact. In some
 cases, specialist teachers who work with children from different learning groups (ie. Learning
 assistance or English as a Second Language) will wear a mask if physical distancing is challenging.
- Parents and students will learn who their child's teacher and Learning Groups/class is before school begins on Monday, September 14th. We expect Learning Groups to be finalized and students attending full days beginning September 14th.

Educational Programming

- Our school will be focused on in-class instruction during stage 2.
- Students will spend most of their educational time in their classroom, as there will be reduced movement of students between learning spaces.
- Student well-being will be guiding educators in planning and supporting the successful return of students to school.
- Students with disabilities/diverse abilities will continue to be supported by the goals outlined in their IEP.

- Regular health and safety practices (frequent hand washing) will take up some instructional time.
- There will be an adjusted Welcome to Kindergarten schedule. Further information will be communicated soon.
- Students will continue to receive report cards.
- Parents of children who are medically diagnosed as immunocompromised by a physician should contact me by Tuesday, September 1st. The following links are provided for your reference:

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID-19-IS-Children-FAQ-BCCH.pdf

http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Professionals-Site/Documents/COVID19-easing-social-distrancing-ISchildren.pdf

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Thursday, September 10th. Following is the district plan for elementary students on Thursday, September 10th and Friday, September 11th:

- Thursday, September 10th: Students attend school for a welcome and enrolment count. Duration: 10-15 minutes.
- Friday, September 11th: Students will attend safety orientation sessions. Duration: 60 minutes. Schedule below.

On Thursday Sept. 10th and Friday Sept 11th

- ✓ Students will go to their Old classroom from last year. **Only at the time allotted for their group based on their last name**
- ✓ If their classroom was Ms. Cawsey, Ms. Chan, Ms. Fong, Ms. Friesen, Ms. Barlow or Mr. Lang please have them line up outside the rear entrance (gravel field) at their time.
- ✓ Parents please stay back to socially distance
- ✓ If their classroom was Ms. Mann, Ms. Eiriz & Ms.Tang, Mr. Papantoniou or Ms. Clignon please have them line up outside the front entrance at their time.
- **Kindergarten students please go to the courtyard on Thursday for attendance at your time designated by Last Name. Kindergarten teachers will inform all parents of their students of a gradual entry schedule starting with Welcoming Conversations on Thursday September 10th.

Thursday, September 10	Groups of Students	Friday, September 11	Groups of Students
9:00-9:15	A-D	9:00-10:00	Students with last initials A-I
9:30-9:45	E-H		
10:00-10:15	I-L	10:30 -11:30	Students with last initials J-R
10:30-10:45	M-P	1:00-2:00	Students with last initials S-Z
11:00-11:15	Q-T		
11:30-11:45	U-Z		

Roy Stibbs Staggered Schedule Starting Monday Sept. 14th.

- There will be 11 learning groups (divisions) this year the individual class your child is enrolled in. These will be finalized by Monday Sept. 14th -once we know our final enrollment. This is the group your child will spend the day with both inside the classroom and outside for break times.
- Each learning group will have a designated entry/exit spot where a teacher will meet them every morning to bring them into the school. You will know exactly where and at what time once the classes are finalized for Monday Sept. 14th.
- Our grounds have been organized into 6 Play Zones and learning groups will be assigned different zones each recess and lunch on a rotating basis, ensuring that learning groups do not mix outside.
- There will be 2 Cohorts this refers to the two different time schedules for start/dismissal time and recess/lunch time. This will help keep learning groups separate.

Division	Entry	Entry/Dismissal	Recess	Lunch	Dismissal
	Time	Place	outside	outside	Time
1	8:52	Front Entrance South	10:30-10:45	12:15-1:00	2:50
		Side of Doors			
2	8:52	Rear Entrance South	10:30-10:45	12:15-1:00	2:50
		Side of Doors			
3	8:52	Front Entrance North	10:30-10:45	12:15-1:00	2:50
		Side of Doors			
4	8:52	Side Entrance East	10:30-10:45	12:15-1:00	2:50
		Side of Doors			
5	8:52	Side Entrance West	10:30-10:45	12:15-1:00	2:50
		Side of Doors			
6	8:52	Rear Entrance South	10:30-10:45	12:15-1:00	2:50
		Side of Doors			
7	8:42	Rear Entrance North	10:15-10:30	11:45-12:30	2:40
		Side of Doors			
8	8:42	Rear Entrance South	10:15-10:30	11:45-12:30	2:40
		Side of Doors			
9	8:42	Outside	10:15-10:30	11:45-12:30	2:40
		Class Door			
10	8:42	Outside	10:15-10:30	11:45-12:30	2:40
		Class Door			
11	8:42	Outside	10:15-10:30	11:45-12:30	2:40
		Class Door			

Parents and Visitors

- ✓ Please obey ALL traffic signs and parking/no parking/no stopping signs. This is very important to our students' safety. Our parking lot is <u>closed</u> to all except Staff. If your child is asked to enter at the rear of the school please consider parking on a side street there are openings in the fences.
- ✓ Parents may only enter the school by appointment at this time. Please communicate with the office.
- ✓ When waiting for your child at drop off or pick up please remember to social distance among yourselves and other families.
- Please be prompt when dropping off or picking up your child as we have many safety protocols involving the movement and spacing of students and staff in order to keep everyone healthy.

We need to know how many students are returning to school or what your plans are if you are choosing an alternative educational plan. There is important information in the survey. *It is critical that you complete the survey to provide us this information.* If you are choosing an alternate educational program, such as distributed learning or homeschooling, we cannot guarantee that your child can return to our school if you re-evaluate your plans later in the year. Please contact me if you are undecided.

I have included the link for the survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=74xl2ZICUkKZJWRC3iSkSzwnuxS5Xx1CgvGuuxe1 awlUNDVBTTJKTDA2RUFMMIVFOFJLOUZLOEpORy4u

If you know someone who has school aged children and has moved into our neighbourhood, please encourage them to contact (phone or email) the school as soon as possible to arrange registration.

Please note that the Provincial Health Officer and the Ministry of Education may decide to move to different stages in response to Covid-19 situation in British Columbia and we will inform you should this occur, advising next steps.

Please find attached a document for your review titled 'Stage 2 Health and Safety Protocols: K-12 – Parents'.

I will be following up with more information early next week.

All of us here at Roy Stibbs are anticipating a great year here despite our new reality! We remain dedicated to providing your child with the very best learning opportunities in the most positive, engaging environment. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to our community and are eager to see our students' smiles, hear their laughter and share in their love of exploration!

Sincerely,

Laurie Sviatko

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