



## ECOLE CRESCENT PARK SCHOOL

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Re: Re-opening of School to Face to Face Learning

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that you and your family are doing well. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the support and understanding that members of our school community have shown as we transitioned to remote learning following Spring Break. Your efforts have ensured that student learning has continued over the last two months in a myriad of engaging ways.

Thank you also to those who have responded to our survey earlier this week. The information you provided has helped to assist in our planning for the weeks ahead and we look forward to welcoming back those students who will be returning to the classroom for face to face learning beginning June 1. We look forward to seeing staff and students at Crescent Park Elementary next week and hope, as the weeks progress, that more students will join us.

We write this letter to inform parents and families of the new routines they can expect for school.

As we have been planning for the return of students, we have been guided by our shared commitment to ensuring the safety of all members of our school community. We will be reminding our students of the importance of following the guidelines around frequent hand washing, physical distancing and staying home if they are feeling sick.

Access to our building will be limited to students and staff, unless prior arrangements have been made through the principal. This includes picking up or dropping off children, coming into the school to discuss issues with the administration or teachers, or to drop off lunches. Please ensure that your child has their lunch and a filled water bottle each day. Should you need to pick up your child early, or need to contact the school, please call the office at 604-535-9101.

We have put in place plans to help with physical distancing and minimizing physical contact. Physical distancing can be challenging in a school setting, particularly with younger students. As such, it is reasonable to establish different expectations for varying age levels and activities. For example, younger students should be supported to have minimized physical contact with one another, while older students and adults should seek to maintain a safe physical distance of at least 2 metres from others whenever possible.

Please be reminded that parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their child(ren) each day before going to school. Each morning, staff will connect with each child's parent to ask whether their child is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Abnormal body temperature, cough, loss of appetite, chills, nasal congestion, headache, feeling unwell/fatigue, sore muscles, runny nose/sneezing, sore throat/hoarseness, wheezing, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, diarrhea and/or vomiting

If your child is experiencing any symptoms listed above of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease please keep them home until there has been an assessment by a health care provider AND the

symptoms have resolved. While many primary parents will connect with staff each morning, we ask for vigilance from parents of our intermediate students who will be walking to school unaccompanied and not connecting with school staff personally.

We recognize that seasonal allergies typically occur at this time of the year with many children experiencing symptoms similar to those listed above. As a result, we are asking parents to be guided by the following: If the symptoms are typical allergy symptoms for this child (itchy eyes, runny nose, fatigue) and are relieved with antihistamine or allergy medication, then no specific action is needed. If parents are uncertain, please keep your child home until they have been assessed by a health care provider.

This weekend, you can expect the following from your child's teacher:

- A review of the drop off & pick up routines for your child at school
- An update of the on-line learning for next week
- A reminder of the illness symptoms reviewed each day with parents (see above)

Updates from the school:

- School hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday will be from 8:30-2:30pm
- On Wednesday, teachers will continue to students with on-line instruction
- Students will enjoy music and library in their classrooms, depending on our class size numbers
- Movement stations will be created in the gym to limit the touching of equipment during PE
- Primary and intermediate students will be assigned specific areas on the playground to enjoy at recess and lunch breaks
- Please send your child with a refillable water bottle, their pencil box (please use their old pencils, crayons / pencil crayons, erase, glue stick & scissors), and their planner.
- Please remind your child to dress for the weather as we will be enjoying the great outdoors!

Our teachers are looking forward to June and are embracing (somewhat nervously) this new phase of blended learning (on-line and face-to-face). While working with their students at school they may be able to connect with their classes online during the day. As you may anticipate, this will look different for every teacher depending on the number of students in the building and the learning activities taking place at school. Please be patient with our teachers as they navigate this new blended learning environment.

We deeply appreciate your continued support and look forward to navigating our final month of school together.

Warm regards,

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