

Dear families,

I am sending you this notice today to provide you with the information you will need to support a positive start for your child with part-time in-class learning.

We sincerely look forward to welcoming your child(ren) beginning the week of June 1 for in-class learning as part of the school district's implementation of Stage 3 of the [K-12 Education Restart Plan](#). Our implementation of Stage 3 will be guided by the [Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#) document prepared by the Ministry of Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control. This document will guide us in best ensuring the health and safety of staff and students.

We ask that you take the time to review the *Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings* document carefully and review the following sections with your child(ren):

- staying home when not well
- hand hygiene/washing
- cough/sneeze etiquette
- sharing of toys/items
- minimizing physical contact/physical distancing.

Staff supervising your child(ren) will, of course, provide this same instruction and on-going reinforcement.

In the section that follows, you will find information about the daily/weekly schedule, details about drop-off and pick-up, required daily health screening, the reporting of absences, guidance on what your child(ren) should bring with them to school, as well as the anticipated shape of the day.

Daily/Weekly Schedule:

- **Mondays:** students enrolled in grade 6, 6/7 and grade 7 classes opting for part-time in-class instruction will attend this day from 8:30 am to 2:20 pm
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays:** students enrolled in kindergarten to Grade 5/6 classes opting for part-time in-class instruction will attend these two days from 8:30 am to 2:20 pm. Note: Grade 6 students in grade 5/6 combined classes will only attend Tuesdays.
- **Monday to Friday:** Kindergarten to Grade 7 aged children of Essential Service Workers (ESWs) that have been registered with the school will attend Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 2:20 pm. On days that children of ESWs are not with their class group, responsibility for supervision and support of learning will be shared by the librarian, prep teacher and administration in the library.

Drop-off/Pick-up:

Drop and pick up is at the regular locations. There are marks on the ground to help students with physical distancing. In support of minimizing physical contact/physical distancing advice from public health, students will be met at their designated locations at 8:30 am and led in a controlled manner into classrooms. At 2:20 pm, students will be led by staff out of the building for dismissal. Parents are asked to ensure physical distancing during the busy drop-off and pick-up times. If your child will be picked up by someone other than a parent, please be sure to provide the school office/classroom teacher with appropriate details.

Consistent with recommendations from public health, **entry into the school building will be limited to students and staff**. Should you have a need to enter the school building, please first call the office between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:30 pm to speak with staff.

Required Daily Health Screening:

You must assess your child(ren) every morning before sending them to school. All students who have any of the following symptoms must stay at home and parents should follow up with their health care provider or call 811:

- common cold
- influenza (flu)
- COVID-like symptoms
- any other infectious respiratory diseases

If any family member or close contact of your child(ren) is showing COVID-like symptoms or has been confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, your child must stay home, and you should contact your health care provider or call 811.

If your child suffers from seasonal allergies that lead to coughing and/or sneezing you will need to provide a doctor's note indicating this to the office.

If your child becomes ill while at school, we will follow the advice set out in [Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings](#) and contact you to come to the school right away to pick up your child.

Attendance/Reporting Absences: If your child is not attending due to illness or any other reason, please contact the school at pme_reception@sd42.ca or call 604-465-5828 to report the absence. Attendance will be taken by staff each morning and we will follow up with parents on all absences not already reported to the school. Arriving late for school in our current context will be extremely challenging to manage; as such, we ask that you ensure your child arrives for the 8:30 am. welcome by your child's teacher at their designated meeting location. If your child does arrive late for school, we ask you to call the school so we can welcome them into the building.

What Should Your Child Bring to School?

Please ensure that your child brings to school the following items:

- a morning and afternoon snack and a lunch
- their personal or school district loaned computer/iPad
- personal water bottle (school drinking water fountains have been shut off)

Please also ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we will be incorporating time outside on the school grounds both during supervised break times and as part of educational programming. Parents are asked to ensure that children are not bringing personal toys to school at this time.

Shape of the Day/Playgrounds:

While in-class days will start at 8:30 am and end at 2:20 pm, recess and lunch breaks will be staggered to permit space for student to play outside during break times. Both school and municipal playgrounds will be re-opened effective June 1. Students will be permitted to use playground equipment under supervision of staff followed by hand washing with soap.

Again, we look forward to welcoming your children to school next week. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the office number (604-465-5828) or by email at shelley_linton@sd42.ca if you have any questions.

Regards,

S. Linton

Principal