



# BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

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## Hello Britannia Families,

As the week draws to a close, we would like to update you on what has happened at Britannia this week and look ahead to the plans and goals for next week.

The VSB superintendent of schools Suzanne Hoffman has communicated to parents about the guiding principles of the work of the VSB during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Those principles are:

- Ensure the health and safety of students, staff and communities
- Communicate thoughtfully, transparently and in a timely manner
- Provide connections to ensure students feel valued and have a sense of belonging and community
- Continued learning opportunities so that all students can successfully transition to their next phase of learning

Ensuring health and safety is our top priority as we all work to support our students. Should you have any pressing concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's grade counsellor or program teacher.

The focus of the current week, the first week after spring break, has been to make connections with our students and families. Our teachers, office staff and support staff have been emailing students and parents to ensure that emails and phone numbers are working. Students were also asked to complete a survey in the email from teachers. Communication with students will take place through email, phone calls and using Microsoft office 365 and Teams. We are also gathering information from students who have limited access to technology and will work to improve their access.

We have also been focused on contacting students who need support with food and other necessities as well as developing and implementing a plan for checking and supporting student needs. This focus will be ongoing while classes are suspended.

The goal for next week, April 6 to 9, will be to develop a plan for the continuity of learning which will recognize and reflect learning together, learning in a new space, and learning for all. Office 365 is the primary platform we will use to provide learning opportunities to students. A link to O365 is on the Brit website and may be found here: <https://www.office.com/?auth=2>. We recognize that not all students have unrestricted access to technology and our plan will reflect that. Offline learning opportunities will also be provided to students.

The Ministry of Education has recently provided further information and created resources to support BC schools' response to COVID 19. This information may be found below:

[BC MOE Q and A](#)

[k-12-covid-19-integrated-planning-framework---march-27-2020](#)

We hope to have students connecting with their classroom teachers towards the end of next week.

If any of these plans change, we will communicate those adjustments to you.

Take care,

**The Brit Admin**