



BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd, 2020

Hello Britannia Families,

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1. Continuity of Learning

Following the Ministry of Education's announcement last Friday about changes to the COVID-19 restrictions for BC schools (outlined in [this news release](#)) the Vancouver School District and Britannia Secondary are working on plans for how these changes will be implemented at Britannia. **We will share Britannia's plans with our community on Thursday, May 28th.**

Vancouver Coastal Health has provided the following letter concerning [safety of the school environment in the Vancouver Coastal Health region during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) for your reference.

Please also note the [FAQs](#) sent out by the VSB.

2. Health and Safety

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

3. Student Belongings and Learning Materials Pick-up and drop off!!

- We continue to permit access to the school by students to visit their lockers and pick up learning materials.
- This will continue next week as well on Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30 pm and 1:00 pm.
- Students may come to the school, **if they have been contacted by their teachers**, to pick up materials for learning at home.
 - Distribution of materials will be done **at the doors leading to the GYM.**
- Students who would like to retrieve materials from their lockers may also come at this time (Tuesday and Thursday between 11:30 and 1:00).
 - **Students must report to the doors leading to the Gym** where they will be escorted to their lockers.
 - Only students (not adults) will be permitted in the school.
- Students may **return school materials and library books** during this time. There is a non-contact drop box available.
- Class assignments are not to be dropped off; these must be shared electronically with teachers.

4. Online Parenting Courses for Families During The Covid-19 Pandemic

Please find information on online parenting courses for families from the BC Council for Families at the following link: <https://www.bccf.ca/bccf/blog/online-parenting-courses-for-covid-19/>

1-Day Managing Behaviour VIRTUAL Workshop (POPARD June 1, 2020) June 1, 2020 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

This one-day workshop will cover fundamental aspects of understanding and managing challenging behaviour. Basic strategies for preventing, responding to, and teaching replacements to challenging behaviour will be introduced, with an emphasis on strategies applicable to the remote-learning situation that school teams and families are currently navigating. Given the role of families in this new way of learning, time will be spent addressing the ways that school teams can support families via remote coaching. Basic behaviour management strategies (such as providing predictability, promoting functional communication, and using reinforcement) will be reviewed with application and examples relevant to the home learning environment.

REGISTER HERE : <https://reg.planetReg.com/E51313324252139>

2-Day Functional Skills SuperWorkshop VIRTUAL (POPARD June 15 & 16, 2020) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Join POPARD for a free online workshop for parents and teachers supporting learning at home.

Research has shown that individuals with autism may have challenges that affect one's ability to enjoy a quality of life at a similar level of peers of the same age and stage of life. Quality of life is not static and can be enhanced in a dynamic way by discovering and experiencing new opportunities and possibilities. Context specific and individualized support strategies can be used to empower individuals with autism to actualize their potential and gain functional skills to increase independence, self-determination, interpersonal relationships, community involvement and physical and emotional well-being. This 2-day interactive workshop will include strategies to identify, teach, guide and assess functional skills for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. By the end of the workshop, participants will have practical knowledge and tools to implement functional skills lessons in the home, school, and community settings.

REGISTER HERE <https://reg.planetReg.com/E51413412282951>

5. Resources during COVID-19

- [VSB Guidelines for the Assessment and Reporting of the Learning](#)
- [VSB Resource Hub](#)
- VSB [Tips for Parents](#)
- VSB [COVID-19 Updates](#)
- BC Ministry of Education [Keep Learning](#)
- BC Ministry of Education [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [VSB Summer School Information](#)
- [Vancouver Learning Network.](#)
- [BC's Restart Plan](#)
- [Measured approach to phasing in a return to learning in classrooms.](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Strategy](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Go-Forward Management Checklist.](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 Information](#)
- Once again, we would like to pass on a link to an online resource, created by one of our teachers, that gathers info about supports for our students and their families <https://careerlifeiclass.com/pandemic-support>

6. Staff Contact Information

- If you would like to contact a teacher, counsellor or administrator, their emails may be found [here](#)

Take care,

The Brit Admin

Britannia Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/britannia-secondary/Pages/default.aspx>