



# BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

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## 1. Continuity of Learning

We are looking forward to welcoming back the students who will be returning next week. Students should have received emails from all of their teachers outlining the schedule for each class. All students will be invited to attend 4 classes each week. Class attendance is voluntary.

Parents were sent an email yesterday regarding health checks for families choosing to have their student(s) attend in-class instruction. The following outlines the [Daily Health Check for Students Attending In-Class Instruction](#)

## 2. Locker Clean out and Textbook/Materials Return

Please also be aware that students are permitted to clear out their lockers at the end of their scheduled classes. All lockers are to be cleared out by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Students may also return any classroom materials, including textbooks, to the teacher of their scheduled classes. Loaned laptops may be kept until June 19<sup>th</sup>. Laptop return: June 17 to 19 from 1 -1:30 pm in the main hall.

## 3. Graduation 2020

Britannia staff are currently organizing the graduation scholarships and awards and the grad walk-through and grad video. The grad walk-through has been scheduled for Monday June 22 and Tuesday June 23. More information will be communicated to our graduates and their families next week.

## 4. 2020-2021 School Fees

The Britannia School Fee Schedule for the 2020-2021 school year has been approved by the Vancouver School Board. The fee schedule may be found at the following [link](#).

## 5. 2020-2021 Britannia School Calendar

The Britannia School Calendar for 2020-2021 has been approved by the Vancouver School Board and may be found at this [link](#). . The calendar indicates non-instructional and early dismissal days.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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>

8. 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://careerlifeclass.com/pandemic-support>

9. 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>