



# BRITANNIA NEWS UPDATES FOR FAMILIES

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Hello Britannia Parents and Guardians,

## 5 ITEMS IN THIS E-BULLETIN

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### 1. PHO Order and Schools

Following the [latest order and direction of the Provincial Health Officer \(PHO\)](#), Dr. Bonnie Henry, on province-wide restrictions, we wanted to highlight these points which are of particular relevance to the school. Please discuss these with you child(ren):

- All individuals, places of work and businesses are directed to significantly reduce social interactions and travel.
- There are no social gatherings of any size with anyone outside of your immediate household. There is an exception for those living alone who have the option of a core bubble of two people who live outside of their immediate household.
- With respect to the order around socializing, we are asking all staff and students to minimize casual hallway gatherings. These can reduce the width of the hallway, impeding physical distancing for those wanting to pass, and most importantly, have the potential to breach the spirit of the PHO order to not socialize with others outside of your households. Students should enter and leave the school by the entrance nearest their classroom and should only travel directly to and from their classroom.
- School fitness and physical education classes are not included in this order and can continue with current safety protocols.
- Schools are not considered public spaces and are therefore not included in the revised mask orders. Currently, students are required to wear masks while in the halls and when it is not possible to physically distance. However, we have increased signage in the school around masks and are encouraging students to wear masks in all spaces. Our Student Council has developed signage in addition to ones provided to the school by the district.

- 3-ply masks are now recommended by Health Canada and this recommendation is expected to be adopted in BC. As such, the VSB is in the process of ordering more cloth non-medical masks for staff and students. These will be 2-ply with a pocket. The 3rd ply will be the responsibility of the wearer (staff or student). This will permit the wearer to add a basic or more advanced 3rd layer. We don't yet know when these will arrive for distribution.
- If students are eating their lunch at school, they are asked to maintain a 2m distance.
- A reminder of the [student daily health assessment](#). Continue to monitor your child(ren) daily and to keep them home if they have symptoms.

## 2. VSB Parent Survey

The following email was sent today to all Britannia parents and guardians:

Hello families of Vancouver secondary school students!

As we look toward the end of the second quarter, we are beginning to plan for the next two quarters, the upcoming course selection for students and the next school year. We know these days are trying for many and there are demands for everyone's time and attention. However, we ask that you provide us with some information on topics important for us to know about as we make those plans. Students will be asked to consider the same topics by staff at their schools.

Please see a link below and take part any time from now until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2020. Please complete one questionnaire per secondary student in your household. All information is anonymous.

We will use this information to help assess if there are improvements we can make for all students. The information gathered will be considered along with other details such as student attendance and student achievement.

We will share a summary of what we hear on our website in January 2021. If you have questions about this process, please contact your school's principal or vice-principal, who will be able to help.

Please complete our survey: [VSB Secondary model: Evaluation](#)

Sincerely,

Rob Schindel

Associate Superintendent

## 3. Parent Resources and Webinars

- Parent Resource: With our youth spending more time on social media - much of that occurring in the home or on their own, this can sometimes lead to interesting conversations at the dinner table. To support those conversations please have a look at the [SaferSchools Together "Parent Guide"](#).

#### **4. COVID-19 Family and School Resources**

[Student Daily Health Assessment form](#)

[Health and Safety Reminders](#)

[VSB COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Vancouver Coastal Health COVID-19 Information](#)

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.

#### **5. School Calendar of Events**

Nov. 24 - Quarter 1 Final Reports posted on MyEd Portal

Nov. 27 - Non-Instructional Day - Classes not in session

Britannia Full Year Calendar is found here: <http://britannia.vsb.bc.ca/homepage/Yearly%20Calendar.pdf>

Take care,

**The Brit Admin**