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Dear Livingstone Families,

Dr. Bonnie Henry and Premier John Horgan have brought a glimmer of hope this week. It may be a “new” normal, but it does indicate an opening up of possibilities in our daily life. What that will look like, we are not yet quite certain. We are fortunate to be in Vancouver where a healthy respect has been developed for the two metre physical distance requirement.

Before we move forward in any capacity at school, we will have clear expectations, guidelines and procedures in place to ensure the Health and Safety of staff and students. I was pleased how smoothly the pick-up of devices and work packages went at the Livingstone. Everyone was very respectful of maintaining physical distance EVEN with the hula hoops guides inside the school. Even prior to Spring Break, sink areas were fully stocked with soap and paper towels. We also did a good job of teaching kids how to wash their hands for a full 20 seconds and to do it frequently. I am in the process of ensuring that we have sanitizer available in all of those classrooms without sinks. They have removed the old water fountain so I am hoping out water bottle station will be installed soon. Please continue to remind children not to touch their faces. This is a challenge for all of us.

I cannot say enough about the fine work being done by our new daytime Operating Engineer, John Torok and Mr. Jasbir, now working on the afternoon shift. The school is sparkling and there has been a fastidious attention to cleanliness. Teachers fill in a sheet noting surfaces touched before they leave, and it is followed up with a deep clean every day.

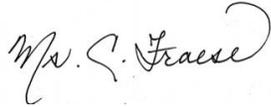
I have also rearranged and removed chairs in the staff room to ensure physical distancing of staff but allows an opportunity for socialization. Teachers have been in and out of the school and are getting use to the new requirements for physical distancing and sanitizing shared surfaces like the photocopier and the kettle. Our Office Assistant, Susan Stelmack, was welcomed back this week. She commented how wonderful it was to see people again. Although it is challenging to have lots of people sharing small spaces day after day, it's also lonely for those people who have been on their own.

Please rest assured, I will keep you informed as plans develop. There will be no sudden movements and many opportunities to ask questions. Please feel free to continue to email me at cfroese@vsb.bc.ca or call me at school. If the phone is not picked up right away, I will return your message. I go from phone to online meeting to email to TEAMS classrooms these days!

I hope all of you mothers are spoiled on Mother's Day – even if it's breakfast in bed treats like

Cheerios with no milk. That is one of my favorite family stories. My son arrived carrying the tray. My daughter: “Mummy, I wanted to put milk on the Cheerios, but Tyler said it was just too risky!” Happy memories. Enjoy creating yours!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ms. C. Froese". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ms. Carrie Froese – Principal