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May 28, 2020

Hello Parents/Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming students back to school. Please ensure you carefully read the information below in its entirety. It includes important health and safety information for students' return to school, as well as details about pick-up and drop-off processes, school activities and supplies.

School staff will:

- Encourage regular hand washing
- Maximize physical distancing
- Minimize physical contact
- Ensure additional cleaning measures are in place

**IMPORTANT: Daily Health Check for Students Attending In-Class Instruction**

Below are key requirements that all students and families must be aware of and adhere to while attending in-class instruction.

**If your child is ill:**

If your child is ill, with any common cold, influenza or COVID-19-like symptoms, your child **must stay home** and isolate for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve. If a student is assessed by their family physician or nurse practitioner and it is determined that they do not have COVID-19, they may return to school earlier than 10 days but only after symptoms resolve.

If you are unsure of your child's health condition or if they have COVID-19-like symptoms, contact 8-1-1 for guidance. 8-1-1 is a free-of-charge provincial health information and advice phone line available in British Columbia.

**If your child becomes ill while at school:**

As per guidance from health authorities, any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room or designated health room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff until they are picked up by a parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school has current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Also, please ensure that you are always accessible by phone during the school day if your child is attending school, and, be prepared to pick-up your child/ren.

**Conduct Daily Self-Assessments:**

Parents/guardians **must** assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. If your child is ill, they must remain home.

In addition, a student may **not** attend school if:

- they have travelled outside of BC in the last 14 days;
- they have had contact with a known COVID-19 case, or if another person in their home has symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease, even if your child remains asymptomatic (i.e. does not show signs of being ill); and/or
- a doctor or other medical professional has advised them to self-isolate.

**To help maintain a healthy learning environment, staff, families and students are asked to practise good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing and sneezing into your sleeve).**

**Please review this with your child on a regular basis.**

**IMPORTANT: Schedule, school activities and supplies**

**Scheduling**

Students who indicated they will be returning to school June 1-5<sup>th</sup> have been scheduled into their regular class. Kindergarten to Grade 5 students will attend for two days of instruction with the students in their division. Grade 6 and Grade 7 students have been invited to return to their classroom for one day a week. Vulnerable students and the children of Essential Service

Workers are able to attend for 5 days if requested. For the days when their class is not in session, they may be working with their peers in other classes, Resource Teachers and/or SSA's.

### **Student entering/exiting to the school and drop-off and pick-up times**

In order to comply with the guideline for the gathering size to be less than 50, students have been assigned one of four entrances / exits to the school. Pink tape on the ground and hula hoops will help students to maximize physical distancing and reduce physical contact while they are waiting to enter the school. Parents are asked to drop off their child and then leave the school grounds. Entrances have been labelled and you may want to visit the school on the weekend if you think your child needs additional support to find their entrance. School personnel will be on site to direct students in the morning.

The SOUTH entrance just off 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is for students in Division 4, 5 and 6.

Students in Division 10 will enter their classroom through the outside classroom door on the SE side of the school.

The EAST entrance in the undercover area beside the gravel field is for Kindergarten students.

The NORTH entrance by the playground is for Division 8, 9, 11 and 12.

The WEST entrance by the Basketball Court is for Div. 1, 2, 3 and 7.

- It will be essential to be **on time** and arrive at your designated drop-off and pick-up times. The entry/exit your child will use will be communicated by the teacher. Children will line-up at a designated place and be welcomed by their teacher. Family members will not be allowed to enter the school or congregate on the school grounds.
- **Only authorized staff and students will be permitted to enter the school building** unless by appointment with the school principal and for exceptional circumstances.

### **Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette**

- Students will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival each day, throughout the day (i.e. after using the washroom, moving from outdoors to indoors, meal times, etc.) and before leaving. Classrooms without sinks have been supplied with hand sanitizer.

### **Bringing in/use of personal materials**

- We encourage students to bring their personal materials to minimize physical contact and use of shared materials. Please label your child's water bottle, supplies and everything they bring to school. ONLY our new water bottle filling stations will be available to refill bottles.
- Students will eat their lunch and snacks in their classrooms. Lunches and snacks are to come to school in the morning with the students – there will be **no** drop-off lunches or snacks accepted. Please pack lunches that:
  - Do not need reheating
  - Are nut free
  - Children can eat independently

- Wearing a mask is a personal choice. Any mask will have minimal effect if not used together with other preventative measures. The most effective preventative measures include washing hands, maximizing physical distance and minimizing physical touch. It is important to treat people wearing masks with respect.
- Use of shared materials, equipment and manipulatives in classrooms will be minimized.

While we look forward to reconnecting with your children, we want you to know the days will look different. Schedules for staff and students will vary and sometimes your child will see familiar faces and friends, and sometimes they may be working with new friends and staff. Also, siblings may be scheduled on different days.

The goal is to balance your child's educational needs within a safe, supportive environment. We all are very excited to see your children very soon! School is a place where children learn and grow. These past two months have been a challenge for us all, so we are very much looking forward to seeing and greeting our students' smiling faces.

There is a lot of information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions on the school website ([livingstone.vsb.bc.ca](http://livingstone.vsb.bc.ca)). Feel free to contact the school at 604-713-4985 or [livingstone@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:livingstone@vsb.bc.ca).

Thanks for your continued support, appreciation and kindness towards our staff as they pivot once again to ensure student educational and mental health needs are supported.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Froese". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Carrie Froese  
Principal