

Oppenheimer Elementary School

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September 2, 2021

Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year!

Everyone at Oppenheimer is excited to welcome students back to school on September 8, 2021! As announced by provincial government, the District is expecting a full return to in-person learning starting September 2021. We are looking forward to a year of learning, sports, music and other extracurricular activities in person.

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff continues to be a top priority. The Vancouver School District's plan will provide for a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment. A variety of COVID-19 health and safety protocols and procedures, as advised by health officials, will be in place again this year to help keep everyone safe.

Daily health assessments

All students and staff are required to complete a daily health check prior to coming to school. Students and staff who have COVID symptoms and/or feel unwell should not attend school.

Parents and caregivers are responsible for assessing their children daily before sending them to school.

The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. You can download the app on your device:

- [iOS devices \(iPhone/iPad\)](#)
- [Android devices](#)

Daily health checklists are available here: [English](#), [ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#), [عربي](#), [简体中文](#), [繁體中文](#), [Français](#), [فارسی](#), [Tagalog](#)

If your child becomes ill while at school

Any child experiencing COVID-19-like 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.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible.

Please ensure that the school has your current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up.

Wearing masks

As required in provincial guidelines, all staff, students in grades 4 to 12 and visitors are required to wear masks in all indoor areas, including:

- At their desks
- On school buses

Exceptions include:

- A person who cannot tolerate wearing a mask for health or behavioural reasons
- A person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask.
- If a person is eating or drinking
- If a person is behind a barrier
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (for example, a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors while in school and when on fieldtrips and school buses.

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

School staff will continue to focus on the importance of frequent hand washing (hand sanitizing) and of proper respiratory etiquette, such as coughing/sneezing into your sleeve or into a tissue. Over the past several months the District has replaced faucets in all Vancouver schools to enable proper hand washing. Schools have also been provided with hand sanitizing stations for common areas, classrooms without sinks and at entry and exit locations.

Cleaning and disinfecting schools

Like last year, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place in every school in the district. This will include ensuring that all frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected at least once every 24-hours.

School Visitors

Schools in Vancouver will continue to welcome in-person visitors by appointment only. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, please contact our school office at 604-713-4570 or by email at oppenheimer@vsb.bc.ca. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check, and follow all COVID-safety guidelines.

Keeping your distance

Schools will continue to create space between students. This will include management of the movement of students in common areas such as hallways, in order to prevent crowding. Students will also be reminded to respect the personal space of others, to keep distance between themselves and others, and, to spread out as much as possible. We will also continue to take students outdoors, as much as possible, to engage in learning opportunities.

In order to reduce crowding at pick-up and drop-off times at Oppenheimer we will be following the same drop off and pick up plan as last year. For the first week of school all students will return to their last year's classes, thus their pick up and drop off locations will be the same as last year. Once students are assigned to their new classes, we will send out an email to all parents letting you know your new drop off and pick up location. If you miss the email, we will have staff in the courtyard ready to help guide you to your child's new location.

Ventilation

Over the past year, significant improvements to ventilation systems have been made at all schools. This work has included making repairs and upgrades to mechanical systems, replacing and upgrading filters, setting controls to maximize the intake of outside air into learning spaces. Work has also been done to make sure windows in learning spaces can be opened to provide good ventilation.

More information

More information about plans and guidelines to keep schools in British Columbia open and safe can be found [here](#). The District continues to encourage everyone who is eligible to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about vaccinations are available [here](#).

Important information for the first week of school

Wednesday, September 8 – Grades 1 – 7 students attend from 9 AM to 9:45 AM

***Only attend 45 min.**, no lunch or recess snack are needed

*Grades 4-7 must wear masks

*K to Grade 3 we strongly encourage masks but must have one in case of illness while at school

*Last year's students go to last year's classes - same for drop off and pick up as last year.

*NEW students will report to the main school entrance on Scarboro

Thursday, September 9 and on – Grades 1 – 7 students attend 9 AM to 3:03 PM

*New Kindergarteners meet at the Primary Undercover Area in our centre courtyard and start their Gradual Entry Schedule (refer to A/B Schedule handed out in June)

What do I bring?

Starting on Thursday, Gr. 1-7 bring a mask, water bottle, recess snack and lunch.

Water fountains are back up and running.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Hope Sterling, Principal