



## **LORD BYNG SECONDARY SCHOOL**

3939 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, B.C. V6R 3C9  
Telephone: (604) 713-8171  
Fax: (604) 713-8170

### **Important Information – Please Translate**

這是一份重要資訊 — 請找人為您翻譯 這是一份重要信息 — 請找人為您翻譯

Mahalagang Impormasyon - Paki salin sa sariling wika

Thông tin quan trọng - Xin tìm phiên dịch

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ-ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰੋ/ਕਰਵਾਓ

महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी - कृपया अनुवाद करें

중요한 정보 - 번역 부탁드립니다

Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

اطلاعات مهم - لطفا ترجمه کنید

January 7, 2022

Good afternoon, Lord Byng Community and Families,

I wish to share some details with you about how we are preparing to welcome all students back to school on Monday, January 10. As you know, the Vancouver District and Lord Byng have worked closely with our public health officials and carefully followed their guidance since the beginning of the pandemic. The health, safety and well-being of students, you as families and staff remains our priority.

Here at Lord Byng, we have implemented health and safety measures as advised by public health, and carefully followed the [Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#) to reduce the risk of COVID transmission in schools. A few of these measures include:

- Purchased and distributed reusable [masks](#) and three-ply disposable masks for all staff and students
- Updated and modified [ventilation systems](#) to upgrade filters and maximize air exchange
- Ensured frequent and regular cleaning including daily cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Reminded staff and students to conduct daily self-health checks and to stay home if ill
- Limited visitor access to schools
- Upgraded taps and installed new sinks and hand sanitization stations
- Shared information with students and staff in our school about hand and respiratory hygiene, proper mask use and spacing out as much as possible.

This past week staff at Lord Byng have taken time to review our health and safety measures. A virtual assembly will be provided to all students on Monday during 1<sup>st</sup> Block. The assembly will detail a full orientation to the new health and safety protocols that have been put in place for Lord Byng. Please note the cafeteria will be closed, until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring their own snacks and lunch. Following the new guidelines, we have provided designated eating areas during recess and lunch.

It is possible that at some point, a school may need to temporarily close because of the impacts of the Omicron variant. While we hope that there will not be a need for a temporary functional closure, we want to ensure we support everyone who is impacted during such a time.

This week, staff spent time planning how to respond should the school need to temporarily close in the coming weeks. The decision will be made by the District and will only occur if there is a shortage of available staff, due to illness, and we are unable to keep the school open for in-person learning and safely supervise students. In the event of a functional closure, we will notify families as soon as possible. During a functional closure, we will shift to providing remote learning opportunities for students to ensure continuity of learning and course completion. Also, as we did this week, we will make every effort to continue to provide in-person support during a functional closure for students with additional needs, such as students with special needs and children of essential workers.

We know these days are challenging in many ways. You can continue to count on us to keep you informed and do everything we can to meet students' needs. If you have any questions, please contact me. We look forward to welcoming your children back to Lord Byng as together we navigate the upcoming weeks.

Damian Wilmann  
Principal