



# PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU ELEMENTARY

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September 1, 2021

## Welcome back to school

Everyone at Trudeau is excited to welcome students back to school on September 8, 2021! As announced by the 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 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 strongly encouraged to wear a mask indoors while in school and on 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 welcome in-person visitors by appointment only. If you would like to make an in-person appointment, please contact your child's classroom teacher and the principal. All visitors are required to wear a mask, complete a daily health check, and follow all COVID-safety guidelines, including signing in at the office and leaving a phone number where you can be reached. This information is kept at the school for 45 days.

### **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.

To reduce crowding at pick-up and drop-off times at Trudeau Elementary

- Parents will drop children off in the same manner as last year – parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds and we thank you for your understanding – *you will receive a letter from your child's new classroom teacher on Tuesday, September 7, to indicate the exact location of where your child will go to on Wednesday morning for their first day of school.* Children will go directly to their new classes again this year. Kindergarten children and children in the autism program will attend as per previous arrangements with their classroom teachers.
- Your child will line up outside of their classroom door until their teacher opens the door for the start of the school day. Divisions 1 and 2 will line up on the basketball court at the east side of the school as they did last year, and a staff member will greet them and let them in the school.
- When you drop off your child, please do not linger or remain close to the school grounds and remember to distance yourselves from anyone not in your household/regular “bubble”.
- We will have staff supervising on the North, East, and South sides of the school before and after school from 8:40 a.m. in the morning and until 3:20 p.m. after school ends. Any child not picked up by 3:20 p.m. will be asked to come into the school and wait at the office to be picked up by a caregiver.

### **Lunch Time**

This year, students will continue to eat their recess snacks and lunch in their classrooms. Students are not permitted to go home for lunch. In the morning, please send your child to school with their morning snack, a lunch, and a water bottle. Children will be asked to “pack in/pack out” all their lunch items and items should be labeled with their name and division number. We are asking families not to drop off lunches or items throughout the day. Thank you.

### **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](#).

Once again, I would like to say that Trudeau staff are looking forward to welcoming families back to school and are anticipating a great year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [aahughes@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:aahughes@vsb.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

Angela Hughes  
Principal