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Dear DG Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work towards a return to in-person instruction. We are looking forward to seeing those students who will be returning next week. Thank you, again, for taking the time to fill in the survey sent home on Friday. This was a great help in finalizing the schedules, which you should have all received.

**Density Reminder:**

In returning to in-person instruction, we are required to adhere to the density requirements of 50% capacity for K-5 (Maximum of 2 days per week) and 20% capacity for 6/7 (Maximum of 1 day per week). When determining our schedules, we followed the Ministry's priorities:

1. Children of Essential Service workers (the opportunity of up to 5 days per week depending on childcare needs)
2. Students with special needs/vulnerable learners

\* We also worked hard to ensure that siblings' schedules aligned in order to make things easier for parents.

**Remote Learning:**

A reminder that as teachers move to in-class instruction, they will be scaling back and planning remote learning opportunities for Wednesdays. Teachers will aim to be as equitable as possible given the guidelines and schedules they are working under and not every child's experience will be the same, but remote learning will be substantially reduced based on the number of students attending school.

**New Procedures:**

There will be new ways of entering, navigating and exiting the school. Some areas of the school are off limits and access to our building is restricted to staff and students. All of these changes are put in place to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families. We ask that everyone please adhere to these protocols.

Please carefully review the Return to School in June School Protocols.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL IN JUNE PROTOCOLS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Everyone entering the school needs to make sure that they are healthy. Anyone who is feeling sick needs to self-isolate at home so they don't get others sick.
- Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school.
- If you are unsure about sending your child to school, please refer to the [BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#), or contact 8-1-1, or the local public health unit to seek further input.
- If your child does become sick while at school, they will be isolated and you will be called to pick up your child **right away**.
- Given that we are required to send home any students who display cold/flu like symptoms, if your child suffers from seasonal allergies, please let the teacher know. That said, given the heightened awareness of the pandemic, we cannot take chances if children do present at school with cold-like symptoms.



### PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR A DAY AT SCHOOL

- Please ensure that your child washes his/her hands before school and when they return home (wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds). This will also be a routine procedure throughout your child's day at school.
- Parents are encouraged to send their child with a small bottle of hand sanitizer for personal use.
- Your child will be asked to use only their personal items and not to share them. **Please pack water bottles, as all water fountains will be turned off.**
- Please apply sunscreen to your child before they arrive at school, or send sunscreen they are able to apply themselves (teachers will not be permitted to apply sunscreen to your child), and a hat for sunny days, and proper clothing for all kinds of weather, as we will be spending lots of time outdoors.
- **Given that access to the school will be restricted and we cannot accept items being dropped off throughout the day, parents should also send an extra set of clothes, in a sealed plastic bag, labelled with their child's name**



### INCREASED & SAFETY MEASURES

- We need to be careful so that we don't spread germs at school. To keep everyone safe, things will be different at school.
- Students who come to school will attend in smaller groups and will attend part-time.
- Students will wash their hands when they first arrive, before they eat, after they eat, before they go outside, when they return from outside, and before they leave
- Students will wash their hands in the bathroom and be asked to wash again when they arrive in the classroom (this guarantees handwashing)
- Parents are encouraged to send their child with a small bottle of hand sanitizer for personal use.

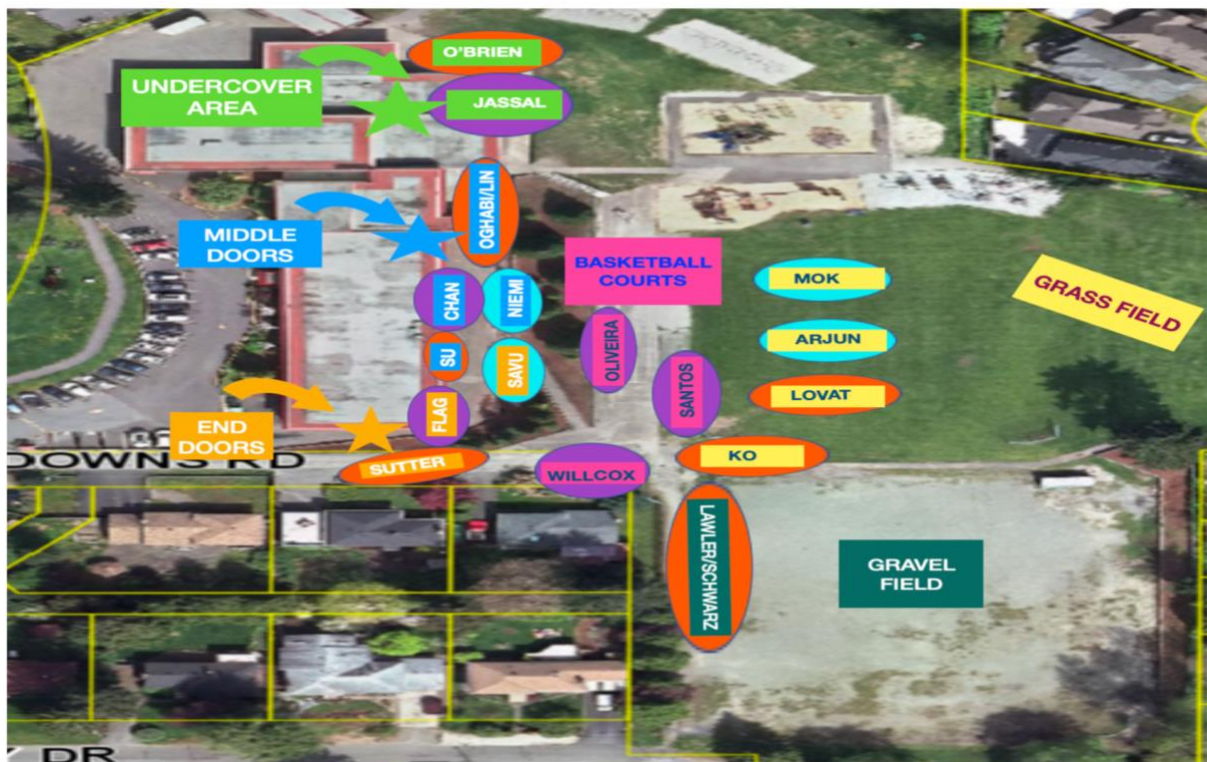


## MORNING DROP OFF / PICK UP

- We will implement **staggered drop-off and pick up times**. We may be able to adjust these times after we see how things go, but for now it will look like this:



- Students in **Divisions 2, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 17** should **arrive at 8:35** and head straight to their line up areas (please do not come too early). They will be brought into the school at 8:40.
- Students in Divisions **6,8,10, 11, 13, 14 and 15** should **arrive at 8:45** and head straight to their line up areas (please do not come too early). They will be brought into the school at 8:50.
- Students in **Divisions 1, 3, 4, 16** should **arrive at 8:55** and head straight to their line up areas (please do not come too early). They will be brought into the school at 9:00.
- As soon as students arrive, they are to **go directly to their line-up areas**. Please see map and time tables below (a separate copy has also been emailed to you). There will be distancing markers to indicate where students are to line up.



## LINE UP/MEETING AREAS & TIMES

### GROUP A: MORNING ENTRY TIME 8:40 END OF DAY EXIT TIME 2:40

DIVISION	TEACHER	LOCATION
2	WILLECOX	TOP OF PATH BY DOWNS RD
5	FLAG	END DOORWAY
7	CHAN	MIDDLE DOORS
9	SANTOS	BB COURT BY DOWNS RD
12	OLIVEIRA	BB COURT BY DOWNS RD
17	JASSAL	UNDERCOVER AREA

### GROUP B: MORNING ENTRY TIME 8:50 END OF DAY EXIT TIME 2:50

DIVISION	TEACHER	LOCATION
6	OGHABI/LIN	MIDDLE DOORS
8	O'BRIEN	UNDERCOVER AREA
10	LAWLER/SCHWARZ	GRAVEL FIELD
11	KO	FIELD
13	LOVAT	FIELD
14	SUTTER	END DOORWAY
15	SU	MIDDLE DOORS

### GROUP C: MORNING ENTRY TIME 9:00 END OF DAY EXIT TIME 3:00

DIVISION	TEACHER	LOCATION
1		FIELD
3	ARJUN	FIELD
4	SAVU	END DOORWAY
16	NIEMI	MIDDLE DOORS

DIVISION	TEACHER	LOCATION (WHERE TEACHERS WILL PICK UP & DROP OFF STUDENTS)	ENTRY TIME	EXIT TIME
1	MOK	FIELD	9:00	3:00
2	WILLECOX	TOP OF PATH BY DOWNS RD	8:40	2:40
3	ARJUN	FIELD	9:00	3:00
4	SAVU	END DOORWAY	9:00	3:00
5	FLAG	END DOORWAY	8:40	2:40
6	OGHABI/LIN	MIDDLE DOORS	8:50	2:50
7	CHAN	MIDDLE DOORS	8:40	2:40
8	O'BRIEN	UNDERCOVER AREA	8:50	2:50
9	SANTOS	BB COURT BY DOWNS RD	8:40	2:40
10	LAWLER/SCHWARZ	GRAVEL FIELD	8:50	2:50
11	KO	FIELD	8:50	2:50
12	OLIVEIRA	BB COURT BY DOWNS RD	8:40	2:40
13	LOVAT	FIELD	8:50	2:50
14	SUTTER	END DOORWAY	8:50	2:50
15	SU	MIDDLE DOORS	8:50	2:50
16	NIEMI	MIDDLE DOORS	9:00	3:00
17	JASSAL	UNDERCOVER AREA	8:40	2:40



## MORNING DROP OFF / PICK UP REMINDERS:

- Please arrive on time (not too early, not too late) for your child's scheduled entry.
- Please note, although we have staggered our entry and exit times, our adult crossing guards (112<sup>th</sup> and Nordel, 112<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Ave, River Road and Russell Drive) are working their regular hours.
- Parents, if you are accompanying your children to school, please ensure you are also practicing social distancing. Parents are asked to say goodbye from a distance. Parents cannot stay to mingle and socialize.
- We understand that families with multiple children may want to come all together. In this case, parents need to wait with their other children, safely distanced, if their children are in different entry divisions. Siblings walking together will need say goodbye and head to their line up areas
- **Parents will not be able to come into the school**, as access to the building will be restricted to students and staff. If you require assistance, please call the office.



## ENTERING THE BUILDING



- Students will be invited in from the line up one by one. Classes will take turns doing this.
- When students arrive in their classrooms, they will be instructed to wash their hands.
- After washing hands, student will go to their desk/table in the classroom and wait there until all of the students are ready (activity to do while waiting)

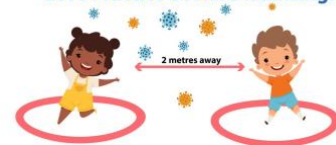


## CLASSROOM SET UP (The classroom will look different.)

- Desks/tables/spaces will be set up to leave at least 2 meters of space in between them.
- Many things in the classroom will be put away.
- Students will sit at their own table or desk.
- Students will be instructed on how to avoid accidental close contact. Visuals will help serve as reminders.



Let's Practice Social Distancing!



## LOTS AND LOTS OF HAND WASHING

- There will be many hand washing times throughout the day.
- You may want to send hand sanitizer to keep in your child's area for their personal use.



**ONE PERSON  
AT A TIME**

*please*

## WASHROOM USE

- We ask that students use the washroom before attending school
- We will limit washroom use to one at a time.
- Some stalls will be closed
- We need to limit the things that we touch and keep it clean.
- There will be signage and other visual indicators to help students with social distancing
- Washrooms will be cleaned more often

## HALLWAY TRAFFIC

- There will be directional flow markers for students to follow in hallways so that physical distancing can be observed.



## SNACKS AND LUNCHES



- Children must bring all food in a lunch bag and containers that can be packed in and all remaining food and wrappers will be packed out (you may want to send an extra baggie to pack the garbage in).
- ***There will be NO lunch drop off for students during the day. Students must bring their snacks and lunches with them when they come in the morning.***
- Students will eat snacks and lunch in their assigned seats.
- Students will eat only their own food, and will not share with others.



## RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS

- Will be staggered to ensure we don't have too many people outside at the same time.
- There will be NO physical contact sports, but there will be more time outside with classmates.
- Playground structures will be open starting June 1.
- We will not be able to share equipment at school.
- Students will need to find other things to do outside, and keep their distance from others. There will be options given!



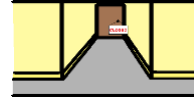
## INSTRUCTION

- There are many things that we will be able to do at school!
- ***Students may or may not be with their own teachers.***
- Students will need to stay at their desk or table and do their activities on their own distance at all times.
- Much time will be spent outside, with physical distance boundaries observed.



## SOME SPACES WILL BE OFF LIMITS

- Gym, Library, Music rooms, etc... will be No-Go Zones



## THE CUSTODIANS WILL WORK HARD TO HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL CLEAN

- We need to remember to respect how we use all areas of our school.
- We can make their job easier by making sure that we clean up after ourselves and leave our desk/table spaces clear.
- Our school will be cleaned more frequently, including classrooms and high touch areas.



## DISMISSAL REMINDERS

- Dismissal times will be staggered (please refer to the time table and map)
- Teachers will walk students out to ensure social distancing.
- Siblings may not be dismissed at the same time. They should have a designated safe meeting place (please figure this out ahead of time)
- Once students are dismissed (to a parent, on their own), and have met up with siblings, **they must immediately leave the grounds**. Playing on the equipment or hanging around will not be permitted as the volume will be too high after school. For everyone's safety, we need to be mindful of going home right after school.

## FOR THOSE WHO JOINING US IN JUNE...

- It will be nice to be at school again.
- It will feel good to see some familiar faces from a distance.
- It will feel good to socialize with others from a distance.
- It will feel good to learn at school.
- These changes at school are temporary - they will not last forever.
- We are looking forward to seeing you!



Thank you, again, for your attention to this important information!

Sincerely,

Mme Greenhalgh, Principal

Ms Tee, Vice Principal