



# ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE ARGYLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Argyle Families,

I am writing to follow up on my letter of May 22<sup>nd</sup> to provide families with an update on the North Vancouver School District plan to restart in-class instruction. In keeping with the guidance from the Provincial Health Officer, and in accordance with the [Ministry of Education's K to 12 Education Restart Plan](#), we will be offering students the option to return to in-person instruction on a part-time basis, starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and for the remainder of the current school year.

As we reopen schools to a limited number of students, safety is at the forefront of our planning. To minimize the risk of COVID-19 contamination, the total number of students from grades 8 through 12 who will receive in-class instruction will be kept to an overall 20% of the school population. Over the next week, school staff will be contacting students to establish in-person tutorial and small group instructional opportunities based on student need and interest. The intent of these tutorials is to support the remote learning process and target learning needs. Students receiving a communication(s) from their school this week to return to school will fall into these general criteria:

- students who received recent interim reports that indicated extra help was required
- students with complex medical and/or developmental needs
- students with social, emotional and mental health related needs
- students who are at risk of not passing a course / graduating

It is important to note as we implement this process, the majority of our students will not receive a communication from the school later this week. This does not preclude any student from requesting and receiving some direct in-person instruction, as long as it is possible within the 20% population density limitations. Such requests should be made by the student and directed to the appropriate classroom teacher through the established communication channel. We are not able to safely accommodate "drop-in" appointments from students or parents at this time. During the month of June, all students in all grades will continue to receive their academic program through the Learning at Home program, the existing remote/online instructional model.

It is also important to acknowledge that the safety of students and staff is a collective responsibility we all share. The school has established a site operation plan that is consistent with provincial protocol, maximizes student safety, and maintains a safe working environment for our staff. Critical to the success of this plan will be your participation in assessing your child for symptoms of cold, flu or COVID-19 before they

come to school. The BC Ministry of Health has provided a free online screening tool through this [link](#).

I have included some additional information to give you a sense of what school will look like during Phase 3:

- Students who are ill are asked to stay home, and parents are respectfully asked to follow-up appropriately.
- Students must enter/exit through the main front door where there will be a sign in/out sheet.
- School staff and students are not required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), but they are welcome to do so as it is a personal choice.
- The school cafeteria, computer labs, and large common areas will be closed.
- Classrooms will have designated seating areas that have been pre-established by the teacher to ensure physical distancing.
- Classrooms have been decluttered to facilitate intensive cleaning.
- Teachers will also maintain a detailed record of student attendance to contribute to a site attendance log.
- Students must go directly to the teacher's room that they have booked an appointment with (no drop-ins). Students must leave the school upon the conclusion of their tutorial.

Additionally, in the interest of our collective safety, students will need to:

- follow COVID-19 safety related signage posted throughout the school
- undertake frequent handwashing
- maintain a safe physical distance of no less than 2 meters, where possible
- avoid common greetings, such as handshakes and hugs
- minimize congestion (e.g. school entrances, hallways, stairwells)
- stay to the right when traveling in common areas
- refrain from sharing food
- "pack out" their waste

These measures are consistent with the expectations throughout the province at this time. While we are confident students are committed to these safety measures, we would still appreciate your support reinforcing these message and practices at home. In doing so, we will all keep each other safe.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email at [kjonat@sd44.ca](mailto:kjonat@sd44.ca)

Kind regards,



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