

École Boundary Elementary Restart Instructions - June 1, 2020

Families and Students

Ministry of Education Stage 3 during Covid-19 Pandemic

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Boundary Health and Safety Reminders – Before You Arrive

- 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. Parents or caregivers must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious disease, and their symptoms have resolved. If a student is assessed by a physician or nurse practitioner and it is determined that they do NOT have COVID-19, they may return to school once symptoms have resolved. Also note, if there is a confirmed case of COVID 19 within the home, students must remain at home and families must consult their health care provider. No child will be permitted entrance if they display any of the following these symptoms:
 - coughing
 - fever (>37.5 c or signs of fever)
 - chills
 - sore throat and painful swallowing
 - shortness of breath / difficulty breathing
 - headache
 - chills
 - felling unwell / fatigue
 - muscle aches and pains
 - stuffy or runny nose
 - loss of sense of smell
 - diarrhea
 - nausea / vomiting
 - loss of appetite

Please refer to the BC CDC for more information on signs and symptoms:

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/symptoms-covid-19>

- Call the main office attendance line and notify your child's classroom teacher if your child becomes ill or is kept home for the day for any reason. Daily Attendance and Safe Arrival Phone Line **604-903-3264**
- Check email, text messages, Boundary School website, or NVSD website for any urgent new Health and Safety information.
- **Please arrive on time!** Boundary will have staggered start and end times to avoid large groups entering or exiting the building at a single time. Your child will have a scheduled start time, and a designated arrival and departure meeting spot outside the school building. **Teachers will communicate this information to you.**
- If you arrive late, **DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE.** Instead, call the main office at 604-903-3260 from a distance, so we can alert the teacher of a late arrival. The office will arrange for student entrance at a designated door.
- Prepare a **'pack in – pack out' lunch and snack** with all supplies needed. There will be no access to utensils or

supplies. Consider packing a “litter-less” lunch as all garbage and recyclable material will be taken home with your child.

- For **children with life threatening allergies**, ensure your child has all pre-arranged medications and consent forms packed with them, on their person, at all times – unless other arrangements have been made. Teachers will be checking for this upon arrival.
- Send a **filled personal water bottle** with your child’s name clearly marked. This will travel to and from school each day. There will be no access to water fountains in the school.
- Limited to **no adult/parent access inside the school**. No parents, guardians, or daycare providers, or visitors will be permitted inside the school at any time unless an appointment or arrangements have been made and confirmed by Administration in advance.

Boundary Site Safety Plan – While In School

- If a child or staff member displays any of the above listed **possible COVID 19 symptoms** while in attendance they will, immediately and respectfully, be **quarantined in a designated, supervised area** (Strong Start Room) until arrangements can be made to go home. Students’ **parents / guardians will be contacted immediately** and a **swift pick-up will be expected**. Health and Safety procedures are in place for support and first aid response if symptoms appear while a child is at school.
- Students and staff will **wash hands** immediately after entering the school building
- **Hygiene – Students will be instructed and supervised to wash hands frequently** throughout the day:
 - A thorough washing of the hands with soap and water is the best protection against illness. Follow this instruction for handwashing:
 - Check that the paper towels are accessible from the dispenser
 - Wet hands with running water
 - Apply a small amount of liquid soap. Antibacterial soap is not required
 - Rub hands together for at least 20 seconds (sing the ABC’s). Rub palms, back of the hands, between fingers and under nails/creating a lather.
 - Rinse off all soap with running water.
 - Dry hands with a clean, disposable towel.
 - Turn off taps, using the paper towel – if required
 - If door is not propped open, use paper towel to open door
 - Discard the used towel in the waste container
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- **Hand Sanitizer is only used, with adult supervision, when hand washing is not available. All staff and students will have access to sinks and hand washing supplies throughout the day.**
- **Cough/Sneeze etiquette:**
 - Cough and sneeze into the crease of the elbow or tissue.
 - Throw tissues into a lined receptacle (NOT in regular garbage) immediately after use, and then wash hands.
 - Lined receptacles will be available in all classrooms.
- **Personal Protective Equipment**
 - **Surgical masks**
 - Surgical masks are not recommended for children. Personal choice will be respected.

- Surgical masks are not recommended for workers. Personal choice will be respected.
 - Except those treating individuals with symptoms from within 2 meters. Supplied by school.
- **Gloves**
 - Gloves are not recommended for workers – personal choice will be respected.
 - Except those carrying out first aid treatment, treating individuals with symptoms, and custodians. Follow the doffing gloves instructions and wash your hands removing gloves. Supplied by school.
- **A custodian will be on-site all day, every day, to maintain cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch areas as well as additional sanitizing of washrooms, hallways, sinks, classrooms, and any shared spaces after a group departs. Wednesdays will be designated “deep clean” days in classrooms and washrooms.**
- **Students will follow the School Code of Conduct and Safety Rules - including rules guiding Physical Distancing**
- **Mass gatherings will not be carried out (i.e. assemblies and performances).**
- **Physical Distancing will be practiced where ever possible. Classrooms and instruction will be carried out using Provincial Health Office guidelines. Older students will be more skilled at learning / practicing / managing this protocol. Younger students will be guided to keep hands to self and to avoid touching others.**
- **Classroom carpets and soft fabric furniture and ‘stuffies’ in classrooms will not be used.**
- **School supplies will be assigned to individual students and there will be no sharing of any supplies.**
- **The Library Collection is closed for circulation, however teachers will be able to borrow books for instruction.**
- **Sports equipment use will be very limited to ‘low touch’ equipment – eg: soccer balls for kick and pass practice**
- **Emergency Evacuations**
 - In the event of a fire alarm or evacuation while on site:
 - Evacuate using your nearest safe exit
 - Proceed to the gathering area and confirm your head count with supervisor.
 - Maintain your physical distancing while exiting in an orderly fashion.
 - Earthquake
 - Proceed with normal drop, cover, hold procedures.
 - Lockdown
 - Follow standard lockdown procedures as physical distancing is secondary to the immediate risk of the lockdown

Boundary Site Safety Plan – When Leaving

- **Students and staff will wash hands just prior to leaving the school building.**
- **Students will gather all personal belongings including jackets, water bottles, and lunch bags to take home. For ease of daily cleaning, there will be no storage of personal items overnight at the school.**
- **Students will walk, physically distanced, to their exterior meeting place for dismissal.**

- **Reminder – if parents / guardians need to pick up a child before their scheduled dismissal time please call the office from a distance and we will make the arrangements for your child to meet you outside. Please DO NOT ENTER the building for pick up.**

For the health and safety of all students and staff at École Boundary Elementary School, we expect the firm adherence to the above protocols and procedures during this Phase 3 of In-School instruction.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please contact School Administration by phone call or email.

Respectfully,

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Principal**

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Vice Principal**