

Parent Reopening FAQ

More information of Frequently Asked Questions can be found at the NVSD website of BC's Restart Plan: K to 12 Return to School. Below are FAQs for parents that are particular to our school's reopening plan.

1. What will school "look like" for my child starting June 1?

BC's PHO has provided all schools with a clear framework of no more than 50% of the student population at the school at any given time. The Ministry of Education has provided the following framework:

K-5 Cohorts

- Cohort 1 will be in attendance on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:50 to 3:00
- Cohort 2 will be in attendance on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:50 to 3:00
- Wednesday will provide students opportunities for educational continuity through distance learning from home

6-7 Cohorts

- Cohort 1 will be in attendance on Tuesdays from 8:50 to 3:00
- Cohort 2 will be in attendance on Thursdays from 8:50 to 3:00
- Wednesday will provide students opportunities for educational continuity through distance learning from home

Each class will be placed into two cohorts – Cohort 1 or Cohort 2. More details to daily school life are outlined below, and your child's classroom teacher will be in touch with you by Thursday, May 28.

2. Health

Parents and caregivers are required to assess their child **daily** for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Please use the [BC Covid 19 Self-Assessment tool](#)

Staff will also be Self-Assessing prior to work

Once students are welcomed into the building, they will begin with hand-washing. Hand-washing will occur regularly throughout the day and staff will do reminders for students.

3. How do I know which cohort my child will be in?

Your child's classroom teacher will send more details about their respective classroom, including the Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 by Thursday, May 28.

4. How many days exactly will my child be attending school in June?

Children of essential care workers and priority learners will be offered school full time Monday to Friday from 8:50 to 3:00 for the month of June. Majority of students in K-5 will attend eight (8) days of school in the month of June. Majority of students in Grades 6-7 will attend four (4) days of school in the month of June.

5. How many kids will be in class with my child?

Your child will be with no more than 50% of their peers. Teachers are currently working on creating two class lists – Cohort 1 and Cohort 2.

6. What will the school hours be starting June 1?

We will have regular school hours from 8:50 to 3:00.

7. What does drop-off and pick-up look like?

Students will line up at designated areas at their outside classroom door. Students will also be dismissed from their outside classroom door as well.

Please do not have your children come before the bell or stay after.

8. Am I able to switch my child's cohort?

We acknowledge this will be a challenge for some families, and understand that each family has unique circumstances. All of us, including parents, are obligated to follow the guidelines of the PHO and we cannot exceed the 50% capacity of student population nor the return to in-class instruction framework. Unfortunately, we are not able to take requests from families regarding the days your child is in session. We are trying to have siblings attend classes on the same days to support families and minimize travel to and from school, unless otherwise communicated. There has been a lot of planning at the school level to make sure we are safely reopening and do not exceed the 50% capacity. Therefore, it is imperative that your child comes to school on the days they are assigned.

9. I want to wait and see what schooling looks like during the first week of June. Can I send my child to school in the second or third week of June?

Yes, we are here to support whatever decision you make. You can send your child or stop sending your child whenever you feel and whatever works best for your family; we will respect your decision. We do ask that you please let your child's classroom teacher know your decision, and come to school on the days your child is assigned. No unannounced arrivals please because we need to make sure we are within our 50% capacity and that the classroom composition does not exceed 50%.

10. If I do not send my child to school, how will my child receive an education?

Teachers will be providing educational continuity through distance learning, but it will look different from April and May as teachers will be providing in-class instruction for up to 80% per week. On Wednesday of each week, teachers will be providing distance learning opportunities through various means such as MS Teams or student packages. Please connect with your child's classroom teacher for more details.

11. Will my child be behind if I do not send them to school in June?

No, every child is where they should be and teachers will continue to provide educational continuity to their students. We do recommend that your child continue with educational continuity from home if you decide not to send them to school. In September 2020, there may be an opportunity for review and extra practice in certain subjects, and those discussions will occur as we move forward through the current situation.

12. What does my child's classroom set-up look like?

As outlined by the PHO, each classroom will look as normal as possible with physical distancing measures in place. Students will be in their own desk and not in pairs or groups. Teachers will review safety measures with their parent and student community, and may decide to send a picture of what their respective classrooms look like.

13. What does recess and lunch look like?

Kids will be going outside to play on a modified schedule. All students can play games with physical distancing in place. Contact activities and the play equipment are prohibited.

We will be supporting a "pack-in/pack-out" plan for all food as we want to limit the times students get up to throw food in the organic receptacles. All uneaten food and food waste will be sent back home with your child.

For these breaks, students may bring items that they can enjoy individually such as sidewalk chalk (ground only), skipping ropes, ball (no group games).

14. Can I come into the building to drop items off or pick my child up?

No. All doors will be locked, including the front door. Parents who wish to come to the school will need phone the office to make arrangements or email the teacher in advance.

15. Will the children be having lessons outdoors?

Yes, teachers will be taking students outside for part of the day, so please have your child dressed for the weather (rain or shine).

16. What supplies should students bring?

If your family picked up supplies, bring them back for school use. Teachers may add specific information through their communication with you by Thursday, May 28th, however we ask that students pack in and out their supplies daily, not leaving anything in the classroom, so that custodians have better access to clean tables, desks, and tubs, in addition to the high touch areas.

17. If I send my child(ren) back to school, will they be in the same class with the same teacher?

During the week of May 18 to 22, schools reached out to families to provide additional information about the optional return to in-class instruction and asked families to

complete a survey about whether their children will return to in-class instruction on June 1. We are using this information and our school density targets to organize daily and weekly schedules. **This means that wherever possible, classes will stay with the current teacher; however, there is the possibility that children may not have their regular classroom teacher or classmates.**

18. Can my child use the field or playground when other cohorts are in session?

It is really important that your children do not visit Brooksbank when school is in session, unless they are attending that day. Please have them find alternative play places.