



*"Home of the Thunderbirds"*

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Dear Carisbrooke Families,

We would like to acknowledge the great amount of support that we have received from our families throughout this difficult time. We appreciate the ongoing communications and all the work that you have been doing to help your child(ren) through this. We cherish this partnership and look forward to continuing the hard work moving forward.

As has been announced by Superintendent Mark Pearmain, North Vancouver Schools will be reopening for voluntary attendance of students on June 1. BC's Restart Plan: K to 12 Return to Schools provides detailed information about the plans for reopening, including FAQs for parents. Further school-specific details for Carisbrooke are attached to this email and can also be found on our school website. Please take time to review both resources.

With the guidance of the Provincial Health Officer, the Ministry of Education has provided a framework for all schools to follow while keeping safety and physical distancing measures in place. Staff have been working hard to ensure that proper protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the school, and we need your support and cooperation to help discuss these important safety measures with your child(ren) prior to coming to school.

We all need to follow these expectations upon return to in-class instruction. Please know that with the reopening of in-class instruction of up to four days for most classroom teachers, online learning will look different for the month of June as compared to April and May.

If you have indicated that "yes" you would like your child to return to school via the NVSD Survey last week, please look for communication from your child's teacher by 4pm on Thursday, May 28th that will indicate which cohort your child has been assigned.

If you are a "yes" family you may decide to change your mind about attending after reading the attached materials. If you no longer wish to send you child, please advise your classroom teacher via email.

For "no" or "maybe" families, you may wish to change your answer to "yes". If you would now like your child to attend school, you need to contact your classroom teacher directly via email by Wednesday at noon the Monday before you wish to attend. For example, if you wish you child(ren) to begin school on Monday, June 8, you need to communicate that to the classroom teacher by Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. The teacher will then add your child to a cohort and communicate that information to the office.

For reasons of safety and planning, only students who have indicated affirmatively or "yes" on the survey will be allowed to attend school the week of June 1<sup>st</sup>. **No unexpected students will be admitted.** Do not "drop and dash".

Sometimes children become upset at the prospect of separation from their families. During this especially difficult time it is important that the re-entry to school process not become traumatic. Although teachers will encourage, support and gently cajole students to come with them, if the child becomes too upset, staff will not be engaging in physical support. If you hear the teacher say “let’s try again tomorrow” please take this as your cue that the teacher feels your child is not yet ready to start school today. Try again tomorrow.

To maximize community safety, please avoid early and late arrivals. Parents and guardians will not be allowed in the building. Plan family activities and appointments outside of school hours.

We are very excited to welcome our students back! We have planned for the reopening of in-class instruction on June 1 with safety measures at the forefront of all of our decisions; we acknowledge that some of the changes in practice may cause some frustration as we reopen. The structures we have in place will support the safety of all staff, students, parents, and community members. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Warm regards,

Lisa Upton	and	George Polymenakos
Principal		Vice Principal