



School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
COVE CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Teachers and staff at Cove Cliff Elementary are excited to meet you and your children as we start the school year.

The health and safety of students and staff is our utmost priority as we begin the new school year together. On September 8th and 9th, staff will review health and safety protocols, establish schedules and routines to minimize student and staff contact, and plan and prepare their classrooms. Our Kindergarten teachers will spend just a little extra time getting ready to welcome your child.

In the spring, you will have received a letter with the gradual entry schedule for your child. **That schedule is no longer accurate.** Instead, Kindergarten students will begin their school year on either Friday, September 11th or Monday, September 14th. Gradual entry will still occur in small groups with students attending their assigned class with their assigned teacher(s). We will email you the revised gradual entry schedule for your child by Friday, September 4th.

Under the guidance of the BCCDC and the Provincial Health Officer, we are regrettably not able to invite adults into our classrooms at this time. We have decided at Cove Cliff to host our first school experience at an outdoor meeting place so that families are able to join us, physically distanced from other adults and children. Teachers will then transition the students into the classroom. If you feel your child would benefit from a washable comfort item (no battery operated items please), we ask that you send it in a large ziplock bag. Children will be asked not to share that item with other children (and we would appreciate you reinforcing this message at home). This item can go to and from school as needed and be washed at home accordingly.

As always, students will be placed into classrooms with a classroom teacher(s). This year, however, we will not be organizing buddy classes, or having classes join together indoors. Any staff member entering the classroom or interacting with students who is not a member of that learning group, will need to practice physical distancing and wear a non-medical face mask. These are just a few of the changes we are making to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

We look forward to getting to know each and every one of you as your child embarks on their learning journey with us and marks a very unique Kindergarten entry milestone. Please remember to check our web-site for information. In May, we posted some Kindergarten information for you on our [web-site](#). We will be in touch next week.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kee
Principal

Mrs. Ehling
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Dudley and Ms. McTavish
Kindergarten teachers

