



## LYNN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Lynn Valley Families,

What a great start to the school year! It has been amazing to see all the children's smiling faces and hearing their wonderful stories. We are confident that this is going to be a fantastic year!

Thank you so much for continuing to show compassion and understanding with all the new changes and protocols. Below are some important information items and reminders:

1. **Adult Adherence to Covid 19 Protocol and Procedures:** As students were dropped off and picked up this week we noticed that there was the **lack of physical distancing** on the school property (and a lack of masks when physically distancing was not possible). At the school level, we are taking all necessary precautions to keep your children and our staff safe. We need your support.

It is the Provincial Health Office and BCCDC expectation that families and community members on school grounds must practice physical distancing and when unable to do so, must wear a mask.

Let's remind each other in a kind, gentle, and caring way to follow these expectations in the best interest of our children and our community.

2. **Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures:** Thank you to all families who have already been following our protocols for drop off and pick up. We acknowledge and understand the need to connect as a community and are asking you to do that off school property.

**The key aspects of the protocol are:**

- a. Students are to be at their designated pick up spot at their designated time (Intermediate at 8:40 and Primary at 8:55).
- b. Students are not to arrive to school early.
- c. Families are to leave the school property directly after you child has been dropped off.
- d. All adults on the school property should physically distance and when physical distancing is not possible, wear a mask.

3. **Lunch Protocol:** At this time, we are expecting all students to stay at school for lunch. Students are not to be leaving the school property at lunch time for any reason. We understand the need for flexibility, so if there are exceptional circumstances required, please connect directly with your child's classroom teacher. We would like to avoid lunch drop offs during the school day as it increases the need for the office staff to be entering learning cohorts. If you forget to pack your child's lunch and need accommodation, please phone the office to let them know you will be dropping it off, as there will be specific protocols to follow.

4. **Sign out Procedures:** We understand that there will be times where your child will need to be picked up during the school day for an appointment. While we are hoping to keep this to a minimum, please adhere to the following steps:
  - a. Email the classroom teacher with your child's pick-up time
  - b. Call the office when you have arrived to pick up your child and we will arrange for them to meet you outside (Suggestion: allow yourself a little extra time for this process)
5. **School Fees / Supplies:** You will get a message next week indicating that school fees are ready to be paid on School Cash online (K-7 \$60). As outlined last Spring, school fees will cover your child's school supplies and agendas (with the exception of Kindergarten). Thank you so much for taking care of this payment promptly. Please feel free to call the school office if you have any questions with this. (If school fees are a hardship for you, please contact Chanin Smyth directly.)
6. **Meet the Teacher - SEPTEMBER 23:** Meet the Teacher Night will look a little different this year. We are finalizing the details of how this will work and will let you know soon.
7. **Virtual Town Hall:** Superintendent Mark Pearmain along with Vancouver Coastal Health participated in a Virtual Town Hall. It strives to answer many parent questions and you may find it informative. Further, please continue to visit the North Vancouver School District website for updated FAQ's and information.

[NVSD and VCH town hall](#)

[NVSD Restart FAQs](#)

8. **OHS protocols:** Your children have done an awesome job learning the new health and safety protocols. Please see the updated [Lynn Valley Health and Safety Protocols](#) . Thank you for supporting our community safety by engaging in the [Daily Health Check](#) with your child prior to coming to school every day. ***It is essential that all members of our Learning Community stay at home if they are unwell.***

Thank you again to everyone in the Lynn Valley Learning Community for a great start to the school year! We are truly grateful for your faith in us as we navigate through this new normal together.

Kind regards,

Chanin Smyth, Principal  
Tim Ireland, Vice Principal