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## **Parent FAQs**

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. For Blueridge, that means no more than 165 students per day.
- The Ministry of Education has provided the following framework:
  - i. K-5 Students = two days per week
  - ii. Gr 6/7 Students = one day per week
- Each class will be placed into two cohorts – Cohort A and Cohort B. 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. 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 A and Cohort B class lists, by the end of Wednesday May 27.

### **3. How many days exactly will my child be attending school in June?**

- Majority of students in K-5 will attend eight (7) 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.

### **4. 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 A and Cohort B. Students will be placed into each cohort based on siblings being able to attend school the same day.

**5. What will the school hours be starting June 1?**

- Students will begin the school day at either 8:45 or 9:00, dependent on their selected staggered start time. They will be dismissed at 3:00 pm

**6. I walk my child to school and drop them off at the classroom. What does drop-off and pick-up look like?**

- Drop-off and pick-up will look different beginning June 1 as all doors will be locked because we will be limiting the number of people that enter the school. All students will need to go to their outside classroom door where they will be welcomed in by their teacher. There will be physical distancing marker present to help the student know how to line up.

**7. 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 working to ensure that siblings attend classes on the same days to support families and minimize travel to and from school. This may limit the spots that we have on a particular day. Please let us know if we have made an error in this area. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. 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.

**10. 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.

**11. 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 or video of what their respective classrooms look like.

**12. What does recess and lunch look like?**

- Recess, we are looking at a staggered recess during the morning. Group One 10 – 10:20, Group Two 10:20 – 10:40.
- Kids will be going outside to play, and return to the outside classroom door where the teacher will be waiting and line up using the physical distancing protocol. All students can play games with physical distancing in place. Contact activities and the play equipment are prohibited. Regular supervision will be provided outside at recess and lunch.
- 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.

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

- All doors will be locked during the instructional day, including the front door. Parents who wish to come to the school will need to knock on the main entry doors and wait for an office staff member to assist you. We will then ask you to wait inside at the front office and our staff will be happy to help you with whatever you need.