



Tuesday, May 26, 2020

RE: Reopening Plan

Dear Blueridge 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. We are in this together.

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.

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 for 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 50% for most classroom teachers, online learning will look different for the month of June as compared to April and May.

Health and Safety Protocols

- 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
- Drop-off – all doors will be locked as we will be limiting the number of people that enter the school; students are to remain outside the school at their designated spots outside of their classroom door. The teacher will greet them there and welcome them into the

building in a controlled manner, please refer to Question 6 in the Parent FAQ's for further details

- Please send your child with a filled water bottle and we will be supporting a “pack-in/pack-out” procedure – all student food (and food waste) will be sent home
- Should you need to pick your child up early, or drop something off, we ask that you call the school office first to make arrangements (604.903.3250)
- Any requests to meet with teachers must be done so via a pre-arranged appointment
- End of day – students will be released from the classroom door one at a time beginning at 3:00 pm – please refer to Question 6 in the Parent FAQ's for further details
- We ask that, if possible, you give the school at least 24 hours' notice if you will be bringing your child to school when you had previously stated that they would not be attending
- Punctuality is important in order for us to follow entrance protocols
- Regular attendance protocols are in place, if your child will be staying home on a regularly scheduled day please phone the office to let them know
- There will be no in out privileges, if a child goes home during the day they will not be permitted to return the same day

K-5 Cohorts

- Cohort A will be in attendance on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at either 8:45 or 9:00 to facilitate a controlled entrance. Your teacher will be sending you this information.
- Cohort B will be in attendance on Thursdays and Fridays beginning at either 8:45 or 9:00 to facilitate a controlled entrance. Your teacher will be sending you this information.
- Wednesday will provide students opportunities for educational continuity through distance learning from home

6-7 Cohorts (this includes Gr 6s in a Gr 5/6 classroom)

- Cohort A will be in attendance on Tuesdays from 9:00 to 3:00
- Cohort B will be in attendance on Thursdays or Friday from 9:00 to 3:00
- Wednesday will provide students opportunities for educational continuity through distance learning from home

Schedule Change

A previously planned Professional Development day for Friday, June 5th has been moved to Thursday, June 25th. The last day of in class instruction will be Tuesday, June 23rd.

Please look for a communication from your child's teacher by the end of the day Wednesday. We request that if you have responded **maybe**, that you contact your classroom teacher with your final decision for next week. This is important information in order for us to complete our plan for a smooth start up on Monday.

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 have created the cohorts with every effort to keep siblings attending on the same days where possible. 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 are in this together and appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Respectfully,

Susan Teegen, Principal

Bridget O'Brien-Kopacek, Vice Principal