



ÉCOLE RIVERDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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May 15th, 2020

Dear Riverdale Families Students,

I wanted to write to you today to give you some information about new information regarding schools opening in June. It was announced that as society begins to enter into the next phase of the response to COVID-19 in BC, elementary schools would begin to offer some face-to-face instruction on a part time, voluntary basis. The province announced schools would reopen on a part time basis on June 1st.

As principal, I am excited to hear this news as I, along with the teachers and other staff, have missed having all the students here at the school. We all look forward to welcoming them back to the school soon. While I'm excited, I am also aware that you will have many questions and concerns about the health and safety of your children. As is always the case, the safety and health of all students and their families is our highest concern, and the school, supported by the district, will be working within protocols outlined by the Provincial Health Officer.

This morning, Education Minister Rob Fleming and Dr. Bonnie Henry, also spoke about student and staff safety being paramount. We must continue to:

- Wash our hands FREQUENTLY
- Maintain a social distance of 2m or more
- Have a rigorous cleaning regimen put in place
- Stay at home when we feel even the slightest bit sick (even a little "sniffle")

So what does this mean for you and your family?

- The staff will be working to prepare our school for a safe return of students and.
- You will be given guidelines and a schedule of how your children will be returning safely to the building before they are asked to return.
- We anticipate an opening date of June 1st for some of our students—**please do NOT send your children to school on June 1st unless you have been asked to do so.** 😊
- Students in Grades Kindergarten- Grade 5 will most likely be coming to school 2 or 3 times a week for the month of June.



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- Students in Grades 6-7 will most likely have the opportunity to come to school 1 day a week for the month of June.
- Classes will be divided in to smaller groups so that we can maintain physical distancing guidelines.
- Parents are NOT required to send their students to school—this will be optional for families. On-line learning will continue through the month of June for all students.

There are still many details to come. I'm simply writing to you now to give you as much notice as possible that this is happening and give you time to make arrangements that work best for you and your family. As soon as we know more we'll communicate it to you.

Ravens!, we miss you and hope you and your families are staying safe. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. We're looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Have a great long weekend. And until we see you again, in the words of Dr. Henry...

Be Kind, Be Calm, and Stay Safe.

Sincerely,

Jonathan / Mr. Vervaet
Principal, Riverdale