



## Forsyth Focus #2

September 21st, 2020

Dear Forsyth Road Families,

Our first full week of school has come and gone and we are so impressed with how the students have quickly settled and are embracing all of the new Health & Safety routines. It is such a pleasure to walk down the halls and hear students laughing and learning! Our staff really came together to navigate all of the organizational and procedural changes that needed to put in place in order to welcome students back to school. We are all still getting used to the new rules and learning how to connect with each other while staying safe, but our students have done remarkably well and we are really proud of them.

As a staff, we are now turning our attention to planning special events, such as the Terry Fox Run and Orange Shirt Day. These days will not look like they have in past years, however, we are still ensuring that the important learning surrounding these events takes place.

Thank you to all parents for completing the daily health check with your child before sending them to school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. Forbes

## **Classroom Teacher Staffing Updates**

### ***In School Classes***

Div. 1 Grade 6/7: T. Inimgba

Div. 2 Grade 6/7: S. McComb

Div. 3 Grade 5/6: P. Polubinski

Div. 4 Grade 5/6: J. Mangat

Div. 5 Grade 3/4: R. Atwal

Div. 6 Grade 3/4: K. Gill

Div. 7 Grade 2/3: J. DeAngelis

Div. 8 Grade 1/2: K. Uunila/G. Foster

Div. 9 Grade K/1: K. Popadynetz

Div. 10 Grade K/1: N. Sharma

Div. 11 Grade K: A. Schmidt

### ***Blended Transition Classes***

Div. 12 Grade 5/6/7: A. Taylor

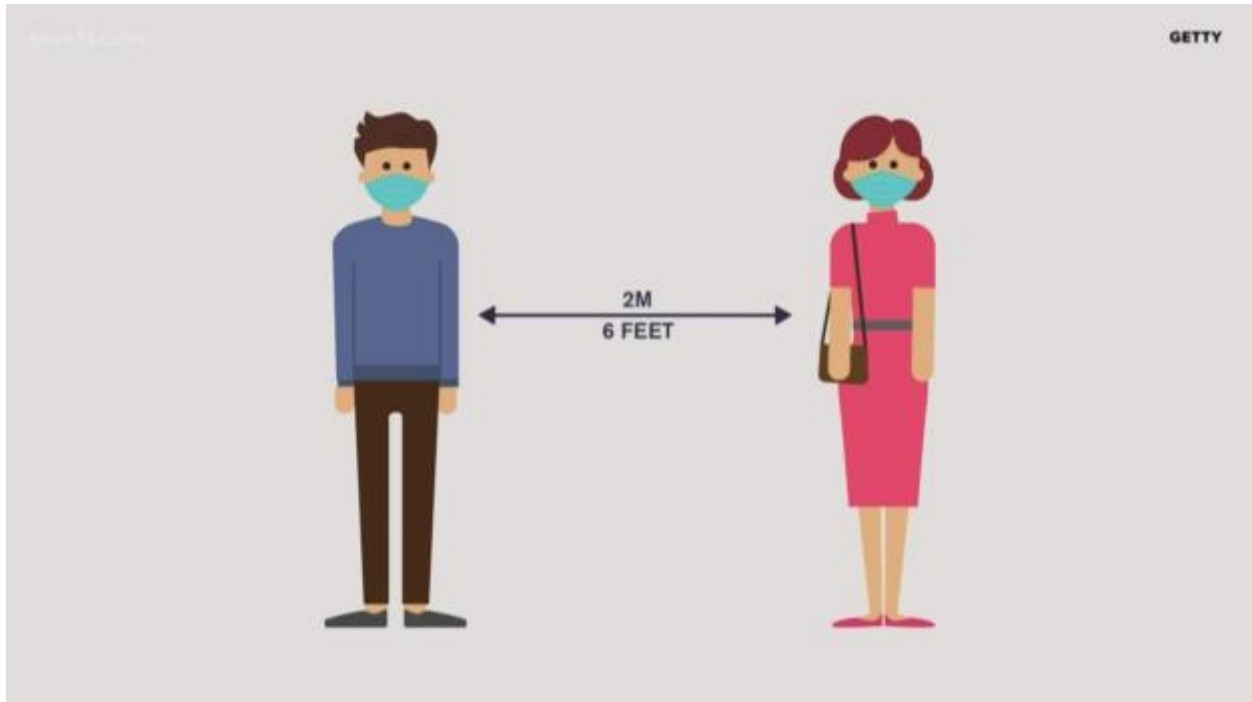
Div. 13 Grade 3/4: D. Blaustein

Div. 14 Grade 1/2: A. Sangha

Div. 15 Grade K/1: S. Sandhu

\*For the whole school staff list, please go to the Forsyth Road Website.

## Maintaining Social Distance



Now that students are settled and know where their classrooms are, we ask that parents maintain social distance on the school grounds with each other. It gets very crowded in front of the classrooms, especially at drop-off/dismissal times. Please ensure that if you are approaching children other than your own that you are staying 6 feet away from them and/or are wearing your mask.

Thank you to everyone for their support on this issue. We need to work as a community to keep everyone safe.

## \*Updated Daily Self-Assessment and Health Checks

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. If a child has any symptoms, they must not go to school.

Daily screenings start at home. Parents are asked to answer these questions prior to sending their child to school:

- Does your child have the symptoms of a common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease?
- Has your child been outside Canada in the last 14 days?

- Has your child been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, you must keep your child at home, self-isolate, and seek care from a health-care provider.

Please see the checklist from the BC Centre for Disease Control. If you answered “YES” to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should NOT come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If your child becomes ill while at school:

As per guidance from health authorities, any child exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be moved to a secluded space, such as a first-aid room, where they will be supervised and supported by staff until they are picked up by a parent/guardian. The student and staff will both be asked to wear masks while waiting for the parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child as soon as possible. Please ensure that the school has current contact information, including emergency contact information, to ensure timely pick-up. Also, please ensure that you are always accessible by phone during the school day if your child is attending school, and, be prepared to pick-up your child(ren).

To help maintain a healthy learning environment: staff, families and students are asked to practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette (i.e. coughing and sneezing into your sleeve). Please review this with your child on a regular basis.

Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness should not return to school until they have been assessed by a health-care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, their symptoms have resolved or they have been cleared by their physician.

You can find more information about BC Centre for Disease Control COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings here: [http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID\\_public\\_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf](http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf)

Thank you for doing your part to keep our school community safe.

## Daily Health Check



Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

\*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

**If you answered “YES” to one of the questions included under ‘Key Symptoms of Illness’ (excluding fever),** you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

**If you answered “YES” to two or more of the questions included under ‘Symptoms of Illness’ or you have a fever,** seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

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When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered “YES” to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

**A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor’s note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.**

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## Masks



The Surrey School District has supplied every student with two masks each. Please note that masks are optional and we respect each families decision to either wear them or not. If you see masks arriving home and plan to use them, please label them as they all look the same.

## Upcoming Dates



September 24th: Photo Day

\*Students that are in the Blended Transition Program will have their photo day in October

September 25th: Terry Fox Run (Forsyth Road Students and Staff Only)

September 28th: Non-Instructional Day #1 (No School for students)

September 30th: Orange Shirt Day

## Contact Us

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