



Forsyth Focus #8 February

The mission of our school is to provide a safe and respectful environment that fosters the development of a community of lifelong learners.

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School Updates

It has been a cold, beautiful week here in Surrey. Thank you for helping to keep all of our Forsyth Road community safe and healthy.

Please continue to be vigilant in the measures that help prevent COVID 19: do the **daily health check** with your children for symptoms, keep your children at home if they are not feeling well, encourage your child to wear their mask (particularly outside their learning groups), wash masks frequently and remind your children to wash and sanitize hands regularly.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Forbes & the Forsyth Road Staff



1 - Library Matisse



2 - Forsyth Road Pride Flag

If you know of anyone that has a child born in 2016, please encourage them to register as soon as possible.

Dressing for the Weather



Please remember to send your child dressed for the weather. Students need a warm jacket, a hat and gloves to ensure they are kept warm while playing outside at recess and lunch. Just because the sun is out, it does not mean that the temperature will be warm. Many students are coming to school in just a hoodie. Please remind them to wear a warm jacket. If your child does not have a warm jacket, please call the school to let us know.

All students should keep a change of clothes at school.

In case of School Closures

In extreme weather conditions the school could be closed on short notice. In the event of a potential school closure during the school year, please listen to the following radio stations:

CKNW (980AM or www.cknw.com)

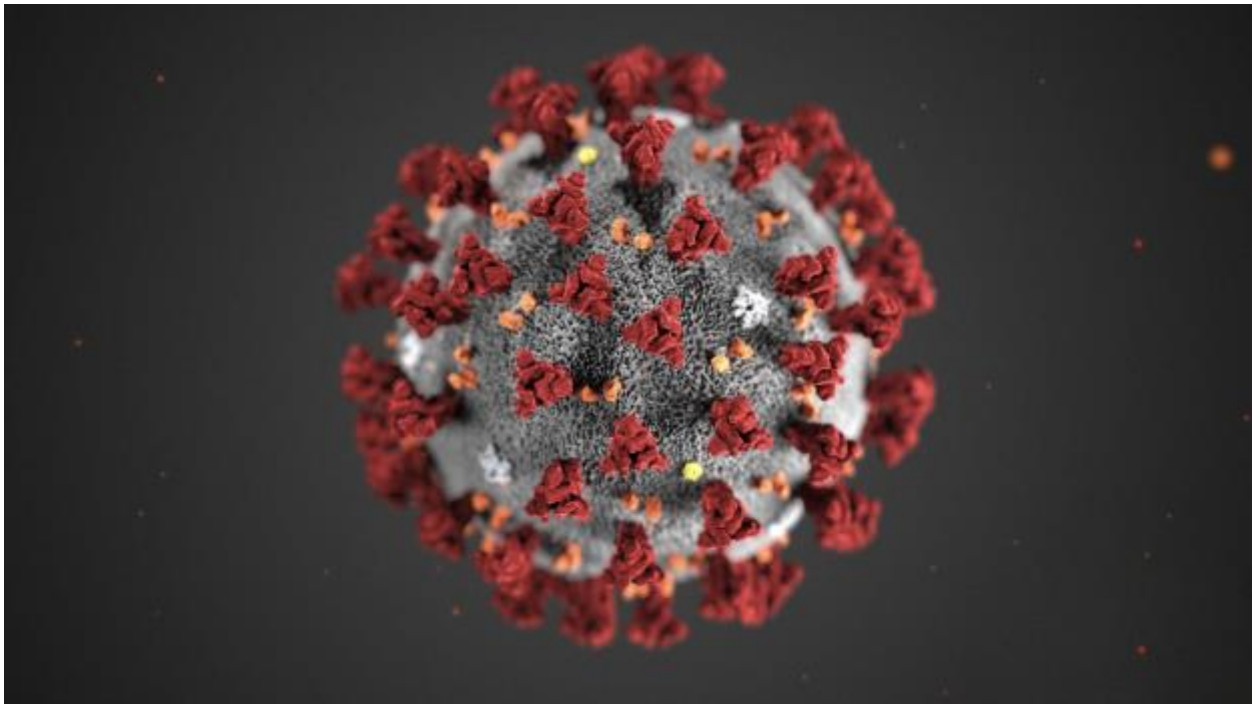
NEWS 1130 (1130 AM or www.news1130.com)

CBC (690 AM or www.vancouver.cbc.ca)

RED FM (93.1 FM or www.redfm.ca).

PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL. District closures will be posted on Social Media platforms such as Twitter. *Follow Surrey Schools*

Surrey School District COVID-19 Updates



The Surrey School District website maintains a COVID-19 Information page which contains regular video messages and updates from Surrey's Health and Safety Department and the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jordan Tinney. Please click [here](#) to find this important information.

Daily At-Home COVID Self Assessment and Health Check



Key Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following key symptoms?	Circle one	
	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

A friendly yet important reminder:

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory diseases 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 diseases?
- 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 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.

Please see attached, Fraser Health's Covid-19 webpage: [Back to school resources for parents and teachers.](#)

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

WATER BOTTLES

Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle to use throughout the day.



News from the PAC



Our next PAC meeting will be held on Feb. 17th at 6:15pm (Virtual). Please come by and help us plan fun and educational activities for the students and our school community! We would love to meet you and learn about what is important to you for your children.

You can email our PAC at forsythroadpac@gmail.com

If you haven't had a chance already, please join the PAC Facebook group to stay updated on events, helpful resources, community events or important information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/forsythroadpac>

*****Please see email sent out regarding sign-up information for the Red Cross Baby Sitting Course (age 11-15) and the Red Cross Stay Safe Course (Age 9-13).*****

Every Registration generates \$8.00 to the Forsyth Road PAC



Mark Your Calendar



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

- Feb. 15 Family Day (No School)
- Feb. 19 Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm
- Feb. 19 Non-Instructional Day #4 (No School)
- Feb. 24 Pink Shirt Day

March

- Mar. 10 School Spirit Day: Twin Day
- Mar. 12 Last Day of School before Spring Break
- Mar. 29 School Re-Opens

Contact Us

Feel free to contact the school at any time.

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