



Georges Vanier Elementary

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Dear Parents / Guardians;

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Georges Vanier community for your patience and understanding as our team has worked to provide a safe and welcoming return to school for the 2020/2021 school year.

You are receiving this letter because you have selected full face to face instruction for your child for the upcoming school year. Our team of dedicated teachers, EA's/ABA's and support staff have all worked tirelessly over the last few days to set up a safe physical space in our school while preparing the safety orientations your child received this week. If you have not already done so, please debrief with your child on what they have learned and help them understand that we are all in this together. It takes a village to raise a child, and please know that the Georges Vanier staff care very much for your child(ren) and we will continue to do everything we can to ensure they feel safe and cared for while at school.

As students leave their orientation session today, teachers will be working to finalize classes and learning cohorts for the upcoming school year. Our staff is thoughtful and purposeful about this process in our efforts to create engaging and supportive learning environments that also meet the new expectations set out by the Ministry of Education. Teachers will continue to collaborate on this process until the end of the day today.

The Surrey School District has established a staggered start time on **Monday, September 14th** for students who are returning to full time face to face instruction. Please note the staggered start times for Monday only:

Grades 1 - 3 **8:30am** until 2:30pm

Kindergarten **All families have received a notice about next week's schedule**

Grades 4 - 7 **9:00 am** until 2:30 pm

On Monday, students in the grade 1 – 7 face to face instructional program will be formally assigned to their new class and will also join a **learning cohort**. Please look for your child's grade level balloon and students can line up safely by each cone. Teachers will call students from each class and safely walk into the school. The timeline for this process has been expedited in order to follow the Health and Safety protocols during Covid-19.

Starting September 15, grades 1-7 will line up outside at our welcome bell at 8:25am. Instruction will begin at 8:30 am. Please note, our bell schedule has changed slightly from last year.

On Monday, students are reminded to bring a recess snack, a lunch, and a water bottle. Students can also start bringing school supplies in on Monday. If students have ordered school supplies to be picked up at the school; they will be distributed throughout the week.

Before students come to school each day, we require parents/guardians to do a daily health check with your child(ren). We have attached a copy of this daily health check for your reference and we thank all families for doing their part to keep all students and staff safe at school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out at 604-596-1030. We are here to support you and your family as best as we can. Until then, "Be kind, Be calm and Be safe".

Warm Regards,

Mrs. L. McBride
Mrs. C. Porcellato
(Admin Team).



Daily Health Check

Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle one	
		YES	NO
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	YES	NO	
International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household 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 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 a nurse practitioner.

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