



Hazelgrove Elementary School

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Parents/Guardians,

As you know, we have entered another phase with COVID and schools have been working to strengthen existing COVID safety protocols and plan for possible functional school closures. Functional school closures would be determined by our district in the event that we do not have adequate staff for the school to operate. As we expect all students to return to school on Monday, January 10th, we would like to share some key pieces of information with our community.

COVID Safety Protocols

Below is a list of key protocols that we will continue to emphasize at school to help minimize the spread of COVID. We will be sending out more specific details about enhanced health and safety procedures in the days to come.

- Completing a daily health check
<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>
- Staying home when sick (do not send symptomatic children to school)
- Wearing properly fitting masks (3 ply masks are recommended)
- Cleaning hands regularly
- Maximizing space between people and avoid crowding
- Holding virtual meetings, gatherings and events
- Limiting visitor access to the school
- Pausing extracurricular sports

In addition, for the next while we will be changing protocols for how students come and leave the school in the morning, recess times and dismissal. We are postponing the start of the basketball season, postponing field trips, asking parents to not enter the school building and asking students to leave the school grounds immediately after school. Our hope is that with these added measures, we will be able to avoid a functional school closure.

We have postponed the PAC Hot Lunch (Booster Juice) from January 7 to a later date. The PAC lunch planned for January 21 (McDonalds) will go ahead (unless there is a functional closure) but we will be postponing future PAC Hot Lunches.

Functional School Closure

In the event of a functional school closure, a letter from the district will be sent out to our community via the parent emails on our electronic record system (MyEd BC), through our newsletter email list and will also be posted on our school website. All parents will be asked to keep their children home and classes will resume virtually (on Microsoft TEAMS) within two days. Functional school closures are expected to last seven days. In preparation for a possible functional school closure, we are asking all teachers to set up a classroom TEAMS account and add all students to those TEAMS. Please contact your child's teacher if they are any updates to your contact information or you have questions for the teachers. Families are also encouraged to make additional preparations such as access home to technology, internet and appropriate child care.

We understand that these are challenging times for everyone and thank you for your continued patience and partnership. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Marsden".

Paul Marsden,
Principal