



BAYRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal - Bhupinder Shergill

May 29th, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Re: Health and Safety Protocols

Thank you to all the families that filled out the survey sent out earlier this week asking if you were going to be sending your child(ren) back to school for the month of June. This has helped us with our planning and we look forward to welcoming back many students beginning June 1st. If you did not get a chance to fill out the survey, or change your mind for any reason, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher directly. The survey is now closed.

Overall, you can expect the school and classrooms to look different when in-class instruction resumes. There will be increased spacing between students while they are in classrooms. The playground will be open and our staff will strive to have students spend more time outside --- learning and having fun. Students will be asked to label all their supplies either in a Ziploc bag or pencil case and will not be permitted to share food or personal items with their classmates. Unfortunately, there will be no assemblies, school-wide events or gatherings allowed. Students will be prevented from gathering in the hallways and other common areas and movement throughout the school will be limited.

The staff at Bayridge will be helping students get used to these new expectations with direct teaching and gentle reminders. This is something that is new for all of us and our priority is not only for students to *be* safe, but to also *feel* safe and calm.

High touch surfaces have been identified and cleaning will take place multiple times throughout the day. We now have a daytime custodian. We may have staggered recess and lunch times for primary and intermediate students to allow for social distancing. Items in classrooms that are difficult to clean will be put away or removed.

Students and staff will be required to wash their hands multiple times a day, including when coming into the school in the morning, before and after recess/lunch, and when they are returning from another location in the school. Teachers and support staff will be allowing time and providing guidance to ensure students are washing for 20 seconds each time.

We ask that parents/guardians have a discussion with their child(ren) about the changes they can expect to see when they return to school.

In addition, in order to ensure that all students, staff and members of the community are kept safe, please see the following district Health and Safety guidelines. We ask all families to read them over carefully and respectfully request compliance of the following protocols.

Health and Safety Information for Parents

- Parents and caregivers must assess their children daily before sending them to school. No person experiencing symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease shall be permitted to enter the school building or any district site.
- If a student experiences symptom(s) prior to attending school, parents or caregivers must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases AND their symptoms have resolved.
- If a student experiences symptom(s) while at school, they will be isolated with supervision and parents will be notified. Parents or caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill.
- Currently, schools and district sites are closed to the public. As schools reopen, this will continue to be the case. This applies to the parent community as well.
- Parents and visitors to the school will not be permitted within the school building unless previously arranged and agreed to by the school office. This includes to pick up or drop off, to meet with staff or to drop off lunches. Alternate arrangements must be made for these routine exchanges at the school level.
- If permitted inside the building, parents and visitors must abide by the hand washing and physical distancing requirements. Proximity to other household contacts will be permitted.

**There is no need for staff or students to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). For those who choose to wear their own equipment, such as masks, their choice will be respected.*

***Please see below, the district's "Daily Health Assessment for Child" document.*

****Please note, our guidelines are set out by the Health Authority, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, along with various partner groups. The information contained in this memo is subject to change.*



Daily Health Assessment for Child

Completed by Staff with Information Provided by the Parent

Date: _____

Name of child: _____

Name of parent: _____

Does your child have any of these symptoms?

- Abnormal body temperature (≥ 37.5 °C)
- Cough (dry or productive)
- Loss of appetite
- Chills
- Nasal congestion
- Headache
- Feeling unwell/fatigue
- Sore muscles
- Runny nose/sneezing
- Sore throat/hoarseness
- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Other: _____

If any of these signs and symptoms are present, please call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 or visit a health care professional.

Staff Name - Please Print

Staff Signature