



South Surrey/White Rock Learning Centre

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Dear Parent/Guardians and Students,

I hope everyone is staying safe during these, once again, uncertain times. I am reaching out to provide an update for the week ahead. Staff have been busy this week preparing for the return of students and we are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

As per the [updated provincial guidance for schools](#) we will be reinforcing and enhancing our Health & Safety protocols. Fortunately, we have kept many of these protocols in place throughout the fall, and students have been highly respectful of the need to abide by the guidelines. This is not only for their own personal protection, but for the protection of everyone at school.

Health & Safety Protocols:

- Daily Health Checks – staff and students. Please do not come to school if you feel sick. Notify the office of your absence 604-536-0550
- Masks and sanitizing – increased vigilance in all areas of the school. ***All always, staff and students must be masked when entering the building and remain masked throughout the day, unless they have an exemption.***
- Students ENTER through front door (monitored and staggered)
- Students sign in
- Rearranging of desks for maximum spacing/distancing
- No face-to-face seating arrangements
- Students EXIT out classroom/side doors as much as possible
- All large gatherings will continue to be virtual – student announcements/assemblies
- Limit school visitors – by appointment only

If we all follow these protocols, I am confident that we will be keeping our school as safe as possible.

You may have heard in the news or community about the possibility of a Functional Closure at a school. A Functional Closure of a school would need to be initiated if there is not enough staff to provide supervision or quality instruction. This would be the case if many staff became sick at the same time. If this were to happen, teachers would provide continuity of instruction through remote or on-line learning. It may be likely that staff, parents and the community will have very little notice prior to a closure. Teachers are working to prepare for this possibility, and we will do our best to manage such a situation. Hopefully, that will not be the case!

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back on Monday. Having a routine and being at school is best for everyone. I can appreciate that there may be some angst but please know that we will be doing our best to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

For now, take care and stay safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and I will do my best to help.

Sincerely,

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