

August 26, 2020

Welcome Back Central Families!

The Central staff are so excited to be welcoming students back into the building on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, for the 2020-21 school year.

- We know that you have been eagerly awaiting news regarding how school is going to be organized and structured. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as the district took some time to ensure that we have strong Health and Safety Protocols in place for students and staff. These District Protocols have been created based upon the **Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings** [Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#).

For Central students and parents, we have created a one-page document that outlines our COVID-19 **School Restart Plan** (see website). Here you will find important information regarding: cohorts/learning groups, health and safety training plans for students and staff, recess/lunch time structures, entrance/exit protocol, mask usage, busing, before/after school protocols, library/book exchange as well as helpful links.

Here is what you can expect our first week back:

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students**

Central staff will be participating in COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocol training

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students**

Central staff will be finalizing the planning and organizing September start-up

You will receive an email from the classroom teacher that your child has been assigned to. This email will detail what items your child needs to bring with them the first two days as well as where they will enter and exit the school. Students will need a refillable water bottle.

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> - Students in grades 1-5 will attend school from 8:20 am-10:00 am.**

Students should arrive at 8:15 for first morning bell

Students will meet their teacher at the designated orange cone. Class lists will be posted outside the school if you are uncertain what class your child has been assigned to. COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols for students will be in place. Students will enter the building with their teacher physically keeping a distance and will be required to wash their hands as they enter the classroom. Students will receive COVID-19 Protocol training in their respective classrooms over the first few days of school.

Pick up at 10:00 at your child's designated orange cone

**Please make sure you have completed the mandatory Daily Health Screening Checklist before arriving at the school.**

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>- Full Day of Instruction for Grades 1-5. Students will attend from 8:20-2:20.**

Please ensure that your child has eaten breakfast, has a recess snack and lunch packed for the day. **There will be no food programs available the first few weeks of school.** Students will not be allowed to share food.

Please arrive as close to our warning bell at 8:15 and depart promptly from the school grounds at 2:20. Students are expected to leave the school property immediately after dismissal.

To minimize contact within our school, only students and staff will be allowed in the building. All school doors will be locked after students enter in the morning. Please call the office if you need to make an appointment.

Families, we are asking that you spend some time going over the Daily Health Check Screening Tool [screening check-list](#). Collectively to stop the spread of COVID-19, we need to understand the signs and symptoms. It is extremely important that when your child is not feeling their best, that they remain home. Students showing symptoms while at school will be immediately moved to the school's isolation room. Families will be contacted to pick up their child immediately.

Any staff or student within the school who has a cold, influenza, or COVID-19 like symptoms should seek assessment by a health-care provider and self-isolate while they await the results. If concerned, contact 811 or the local public health unit to seek further input.

The Provincial Health Organization as well as the BC Centre for Disease Control are not recommending masks be worn for elementary school students due to the likelihood they will touch their face and eyes. If you choose to have your child wear a mask at school, that is allowed and your personal choice will be respected.

As we enter into this school year we know that we are going to need to be flexible and ensure that our lines of communication are open. If you have questions about our plan, please reach out and connect over the phone, by email or book a time to meet in person at the school. We will continue to keep our school website updated with the most current information. Please also refer to the Chilliwack School District website for the latest updates.

Kindest regards,

Leslie Waddington  
Principal